

Localizing high order effects in time, and across a complex system



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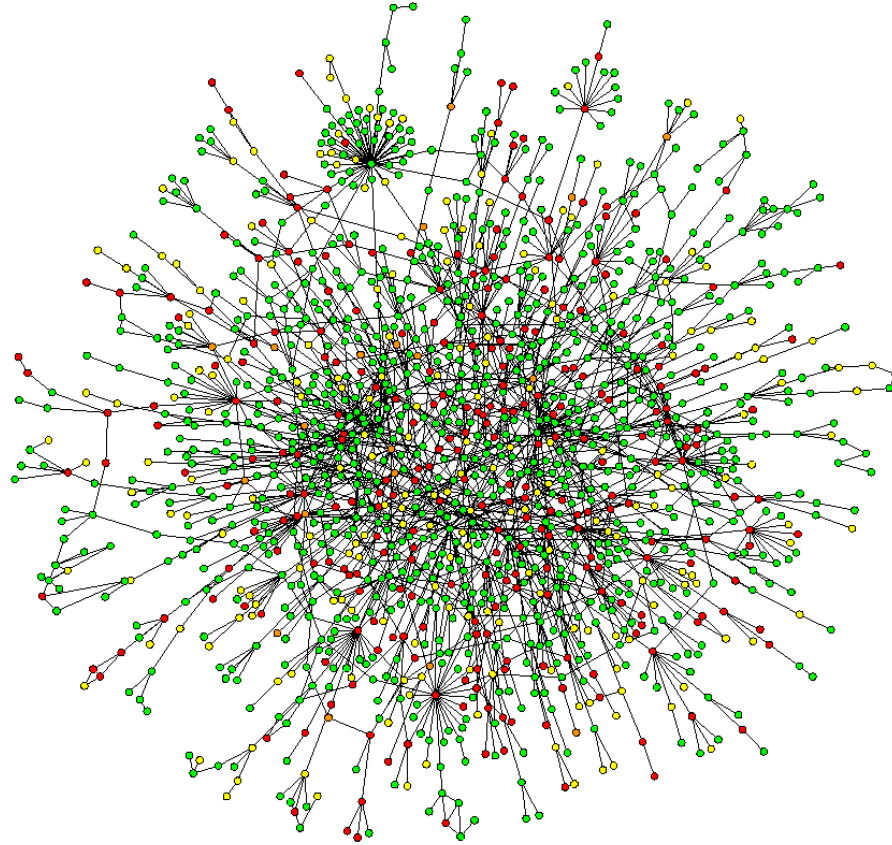
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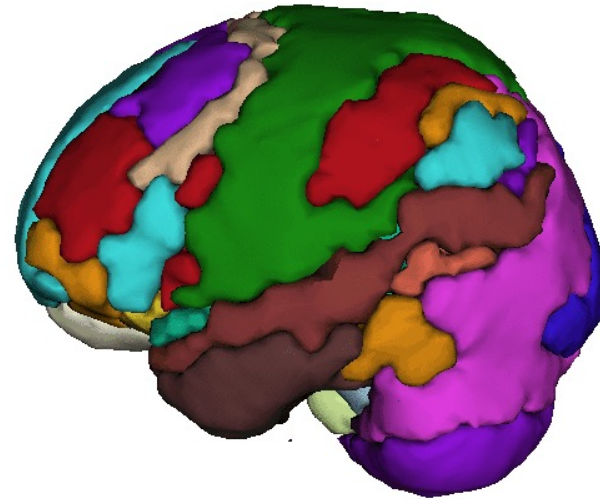
Summary

- 1) O-information: spiking neurons
- 2) Informational character of patterns: application in music
- 3) Gradients of O-information
- 4) Conclusions

Complex Networks



Network Physiology, Network Neuroscience, Network Psychiatry, etc...



Functional Segregation vs Functional Integration



The physics of higher-order interactions in complex systems

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Complex networks have become the main paradigm for modelling the dynamics of interacting systems. However, networks are intrinsically limited to describing pairwise interactions, whereas real-world systems are often characterized by higher-order interactions involving groups of three or more units. Higher-order structures, such as hypergraphs and simplicial complexes, are therefore a better tool to map the real organization of many social, biological and man-made systems. Here, we highlight recent evidence of collective behaviours induced by higher-order interactions, and we outline three key challenges for the physics of higher-order systems.

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Disentangling high-order mechanisms and high-order behaviours in complex systems

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High Order Mechanisms

- Structure
- Interactions

How the system is structured

High Order Behaviours

- Function (correlations)
- Observables (from data)

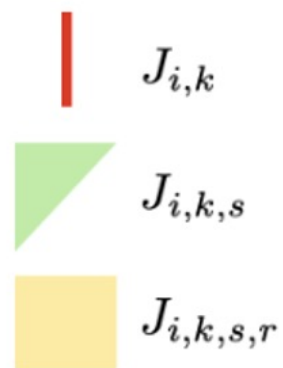
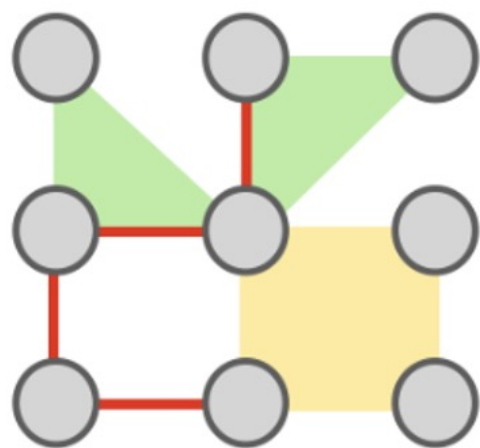
What the system does



A)

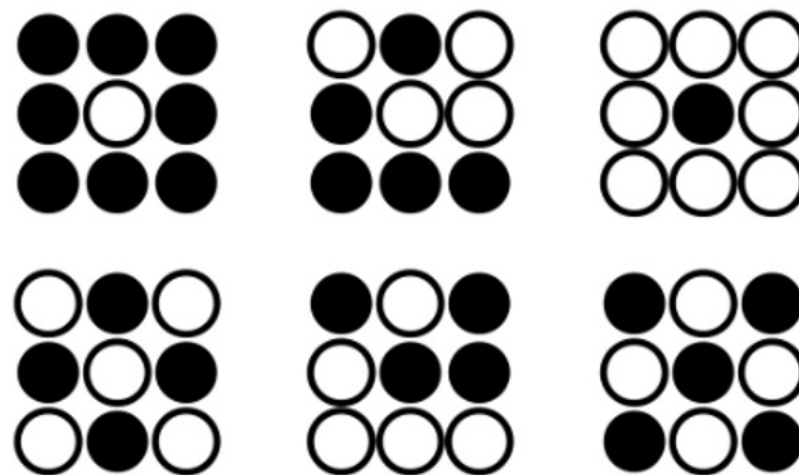
Mechanism

$$\mathcal{H}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = - \sum_{i,k} J_{i,k} x_i x_k \dots - J_{1,\dots,n} \prod_s x_s \longleftrightarrow$$

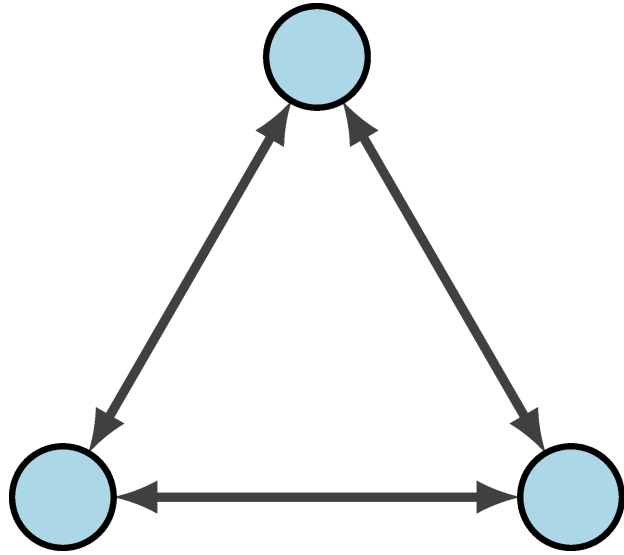


Observed behaviour

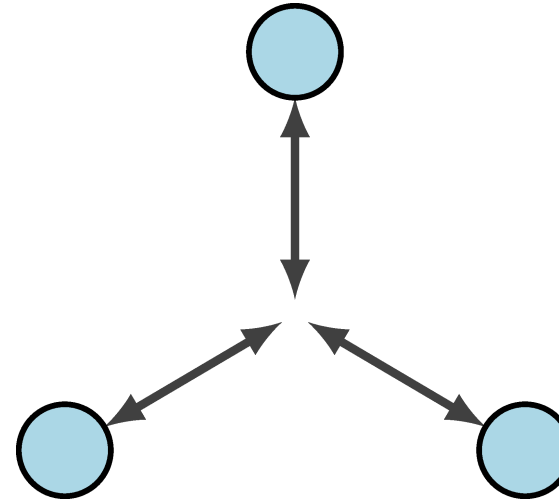
$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{e^{-\beta \mathcal{H}(x_1, \dots, x_n)}}{Z}$$



There are **two basic types** of high-order dependencies



redundancy!



synergy!



Beyond triplets:

O-information: useful tool for practical data analysis, to assess the informational character of multiplets of variables

$$\text{TC}(\mathbf{X}^n) = \sum_{i=1}^n H(X_i) - H(\mathbf{X}^n)$$

Total Correlation (Redundancy)

$$\text{DTC}(\mathbf{X}^n) = H(\mathbf{X}^n) - \sum_{i=1}^n H(X_i | \mathbf{X}_{-i}^n)$$

Dual Total Correlation (Synergy)

$$\Omega_n := \text{TC}(\mathbf{X}^n) - \text{DTC}(\mathbf{X}^n)$$

Captures the balance between Redundancy and Synergy



O-Information

$$\Omega_n = (n - 2)H(\mathbf{X}^n) + \sum_{j=1}^n [H(X_j) - H(\mathbf{X}^n | X_j)]$$

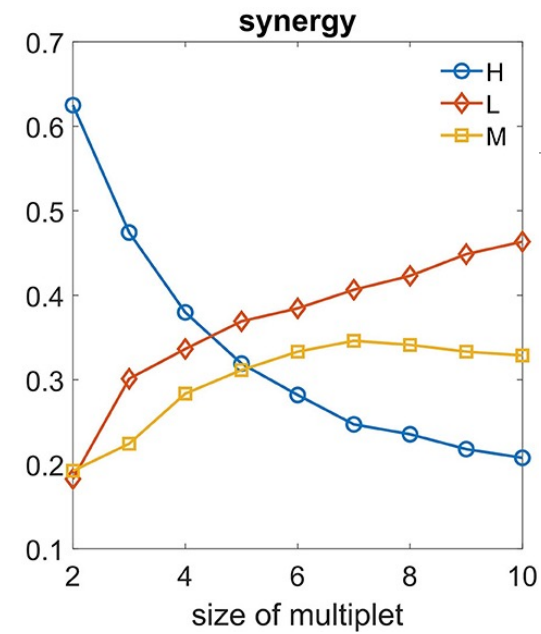
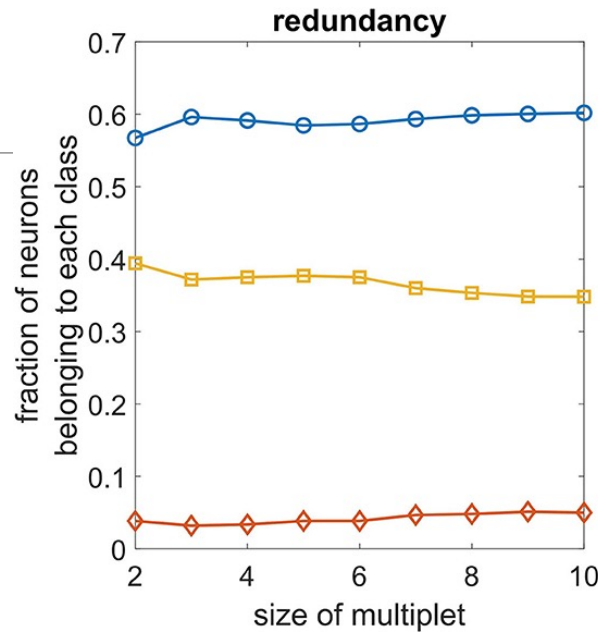
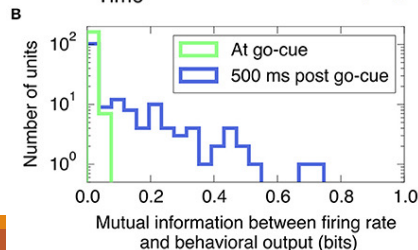
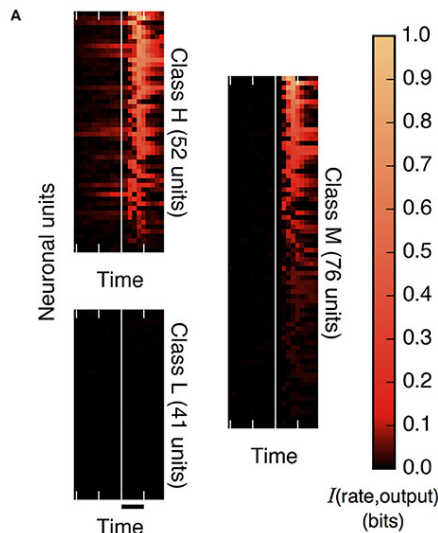
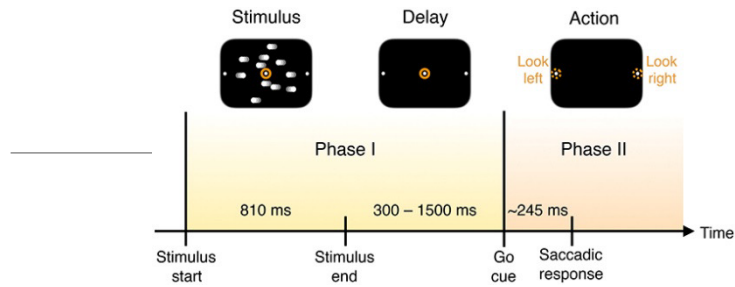
$$\Omega_n > 0$$

Redundancy

$$\Omega_n < 0$$

Synergy

APPLICATION TO SPIKING NEURONS



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Quantifying Dynamical High-Order Interdependencies From the O-Information: An Application to Neural Spiking Dynamics

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Dual Coding Theory Explains Biphasic Collective Computation in Neural Decision-Making

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Quantifying high-order interdependencies on individual patterns via the local O-information

$$\textit{Entropy} = - \int \log(p(x)) p(x) dx$$

$$\textit{Local Entropy} = - \log(p(x)); \textit{surprise}$$

Local O-information is obtained from the O-information substituting the entropy with the local entropy

Scagliarini et al.: Phys. Rev. Res.

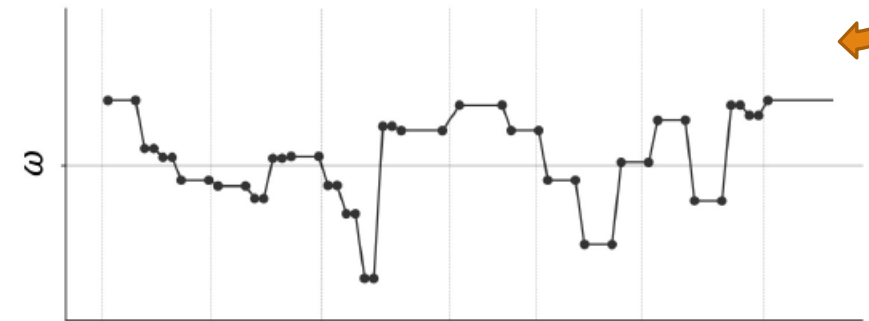
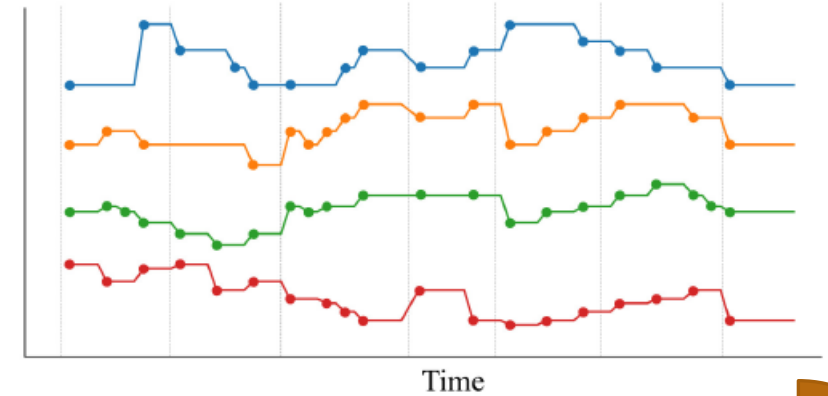


J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

- 172 chorales
- $\sim 40 * 10^3$ 4-note chords

$$p(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$$

A musical score for a four-part setting of a chorale. The parts are labeled Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass. The lyrics are: "mei - nes_Her - zens_Grun - de_sag' ich dir Lob und Dank,". The music is in 3/4 time and features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes.

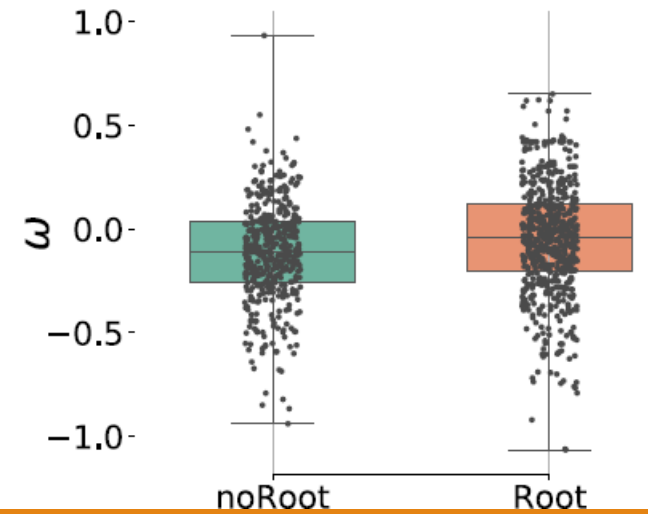
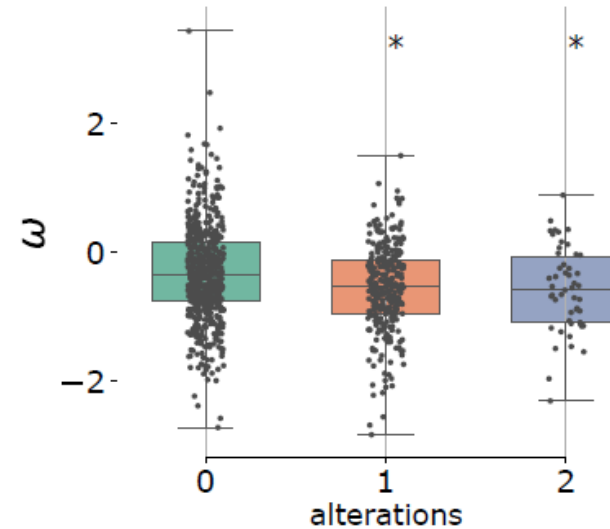
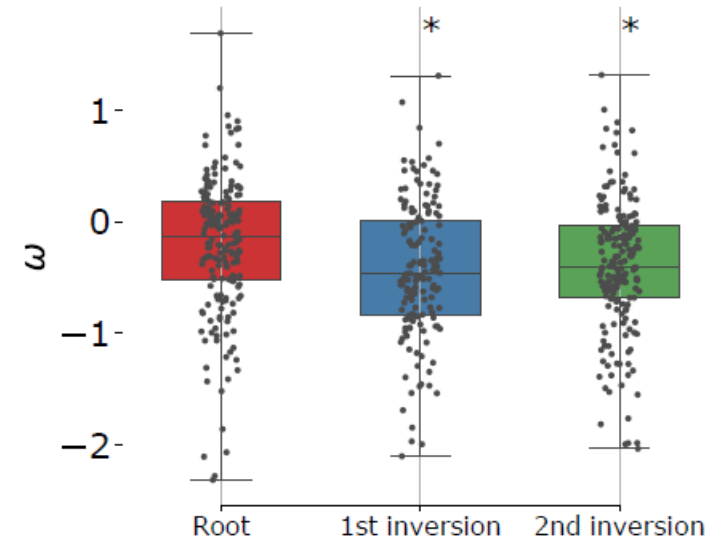
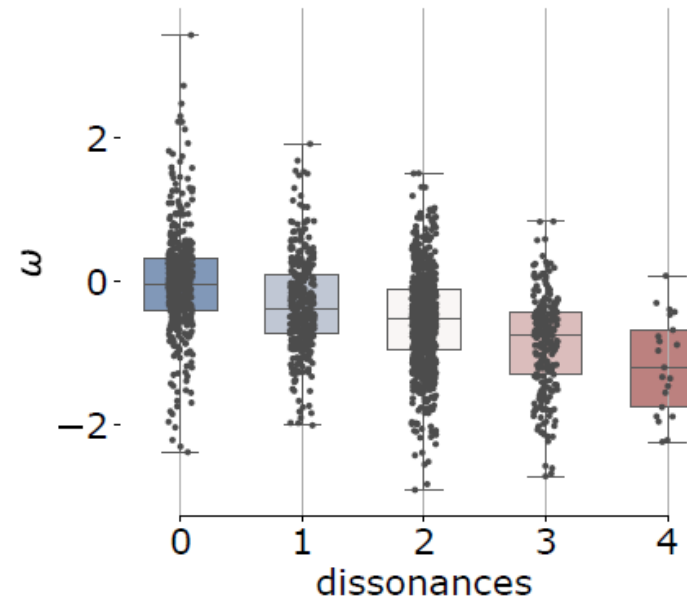


Music complexity



Synergy!

Redundancy		Synergy	
Chord	ω	Chord	ω
R R R R	3.443	A E D D	-2.916
G D G D	2.736	G B F# E	-2.836
F C F C	2.484	B F B B	-2.725
A C A C	2.311	A# E E A	-2.688
C G C C	2.23	G F# F# A	-2.613
E G E G	2.228	G C B A	-2.581
C G C G	2.127	F A# G F	-2.559
A A E A	1.93	G C C A#	-2.522
F D G D	1.921	G E C# A	-2.432
D D A A	1.824	G G G# C	-2.396
G D G G	1.782	R G R E	-2.388
D D A D	1.748	G# F G# C	-2.311
D F C A	1.688	A# F G# C	-2.276
G G D G	1.674	G A F G	-2.245
F F C F	1.594	E G A F	-2.238
E C E C	1.586	E F# C D	-2.221
A C A D	1.544	F# F# C# A	-2.219
F F C D	1.532	G F F A#	-2.185
R R R A	1.522	E A G D	-2.176
G F G D	1.512	C# G G B	-2.173



O-information rate (L. Faes et al.): a framework which allows decomposing in frequency

A Framework for the Time- and Frequency-Domain Assessment of High-Order Interactions in Brain and Physiological Networks

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Gradients of O-information: low-order descriptors of high-order dependencies

$$\partial_i \Omega(\mathbf{X}^n) = \Omega(\mathbf{X}^n) - \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-i}^n)$$

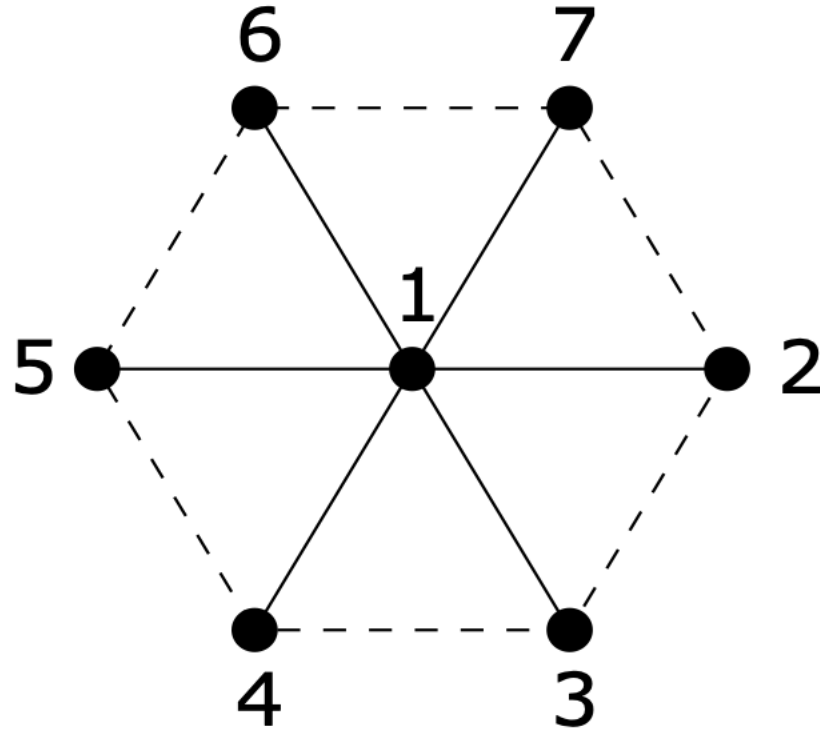
$$\partial_j \partial_i \Omega(\mathbf{X}^n) = \partial_i \Omega(\mathbf{X}^n) - \partial_i \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-j}^n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{ij}^2 \Omega(\mathbf{X}^n) &= [\Omega(\mathbf{X}^n) - \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-ij}^n)] \\ &\quad - [\Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-i}^n) - \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-ij}^n)] - [\Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-j}^n) - \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-ij}^n)] \end{aligned}$$

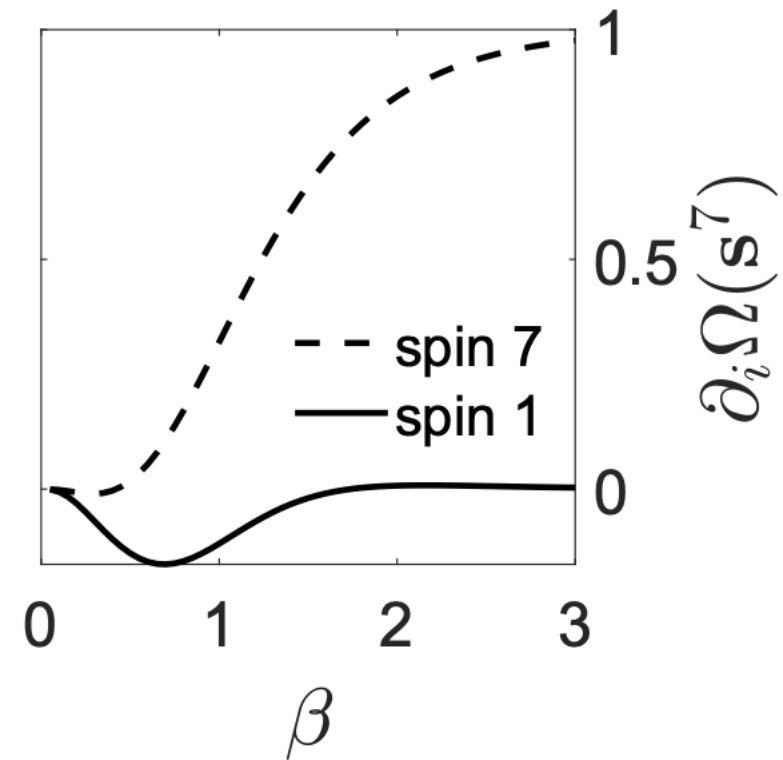
$$\partial_{\gamma}^{|\gamma|} \Omega(\mathbf{X}^n) = \sum_{\alpha \subseteq \gamma} (-1)^{|\alpha|} \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-\alpha}^n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{ijk}^3 \Omega(\mathbf{X}^n) &= \Omega(\mathbf{X}^n) - \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-i}^n) - \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-j}^n) - \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-k}^n) \\ &\quad + \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-ij}^n) + \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-ik}^n) + \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-jk}^n) - \Omega(\mathbf{X}_{-ijk}^n) \end{aligned}$$

Toy model: Ising spins



first order gradients

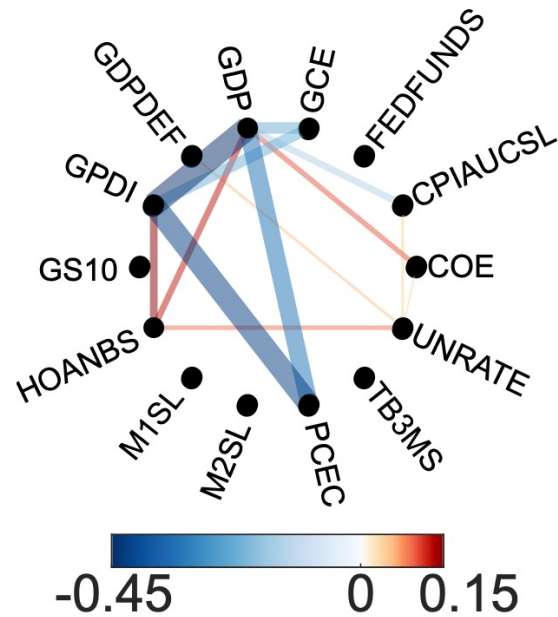


As an econometric application, 14 US macroeconomic time series taken from the Federal Reserve Economic Dataset over a period of 61 years (1959- 2020)

US macroeconomics indicators	$\partial_i \Omega$
COE	0.59
HOANBS	0.47
GDPDEF	0.33
UNRATE	0.27
FEDFUNDS	0.15
TB3MS	0.11
M2SL	0.09
GPDI	-0.26

TABLE I: Gradients of O-information for US macroeconomic indicators (only statistically significant values).

second order gradients



local O-information

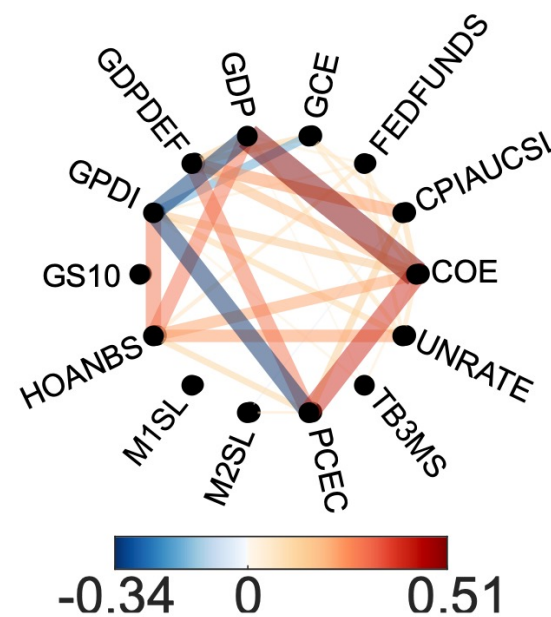
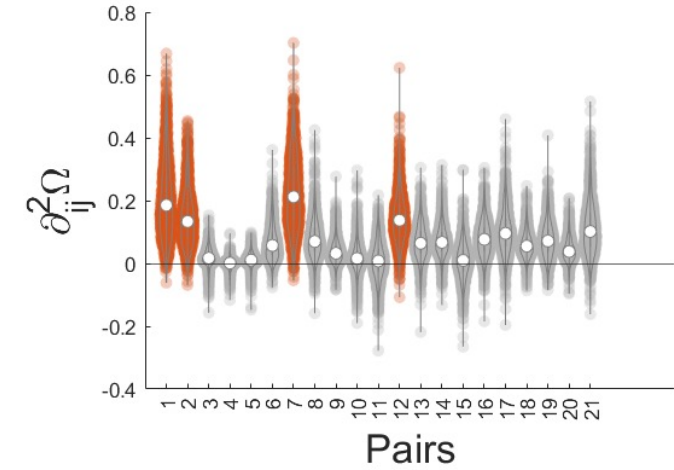
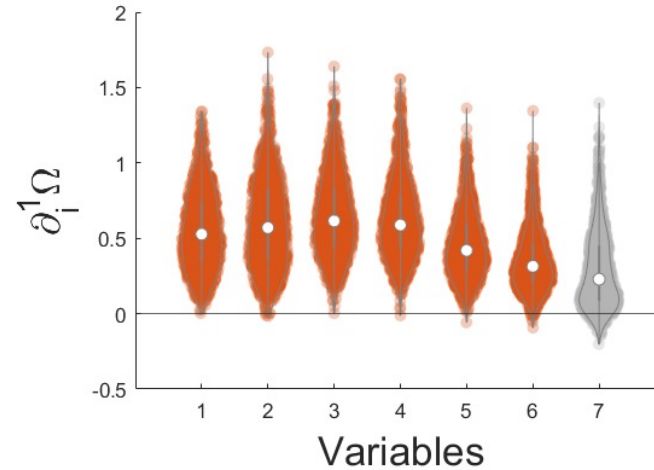


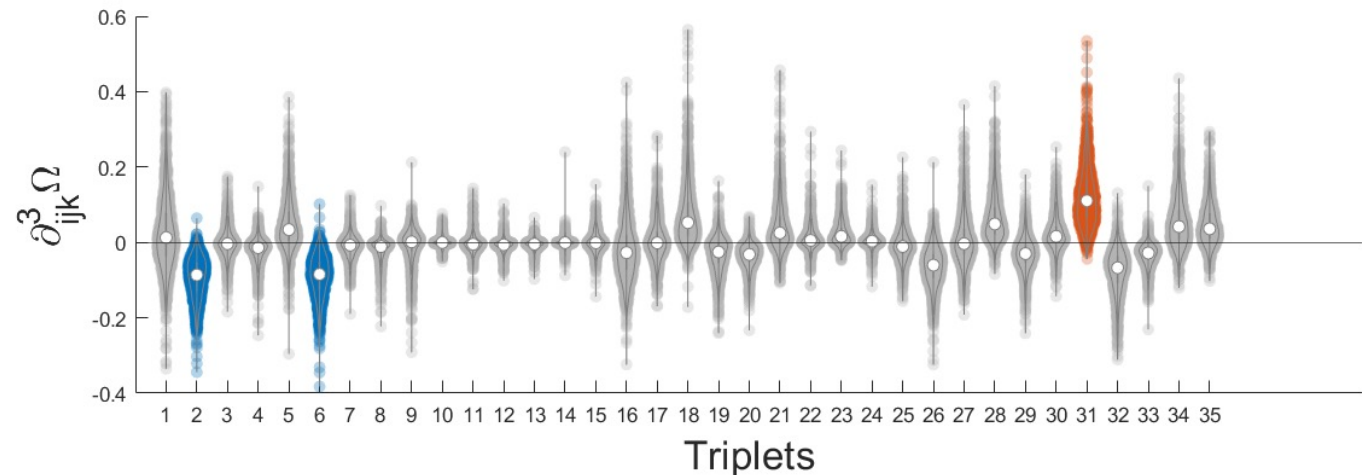
FIG. 2: **Left**: second order gradients for pairs of economic indicators. **Right**: local O-information of pairs of economic indicators. Edge values are encoded by color (sign) and width (absolute value). Only statistically significant edges — calculated via bootstrap resampling — are included.

Application to fMRI data

- 7 series obtained from 100 series averaged over the seven intrinsic connectivity network [1]
- 1083 healthy subjects



Two synergetic triplets at order 3:
{1,2,4} {1,3,4}



Conclusions

These new tools make possible the analysis of many body effects in complex systems with a computational burden which scales gracefully with the number of variables. The search for synergistic informational circuits can thus be accomplished also in the big data scenario.

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