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# Patterns of Non-Normality in Networked Systems



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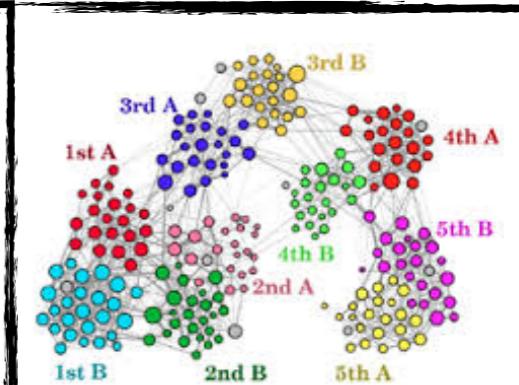
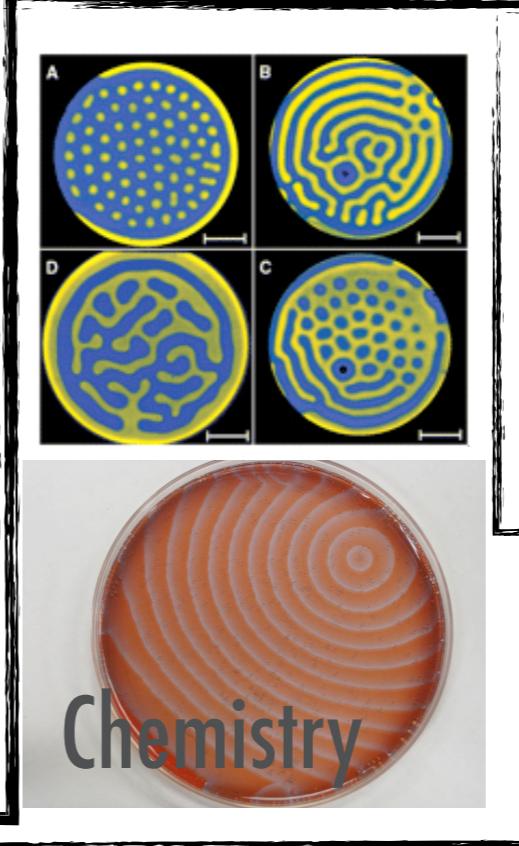
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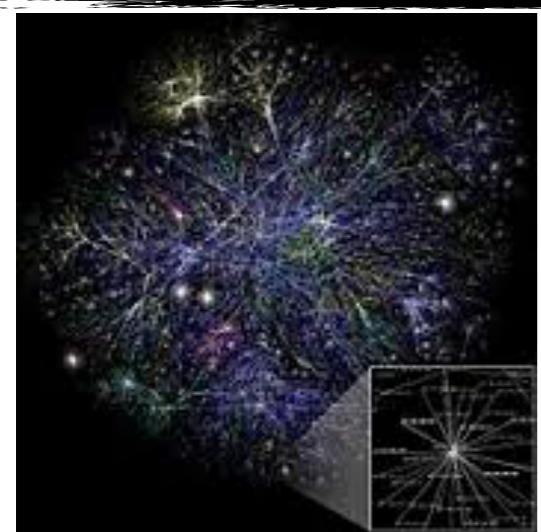
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# Patterns are everywhere



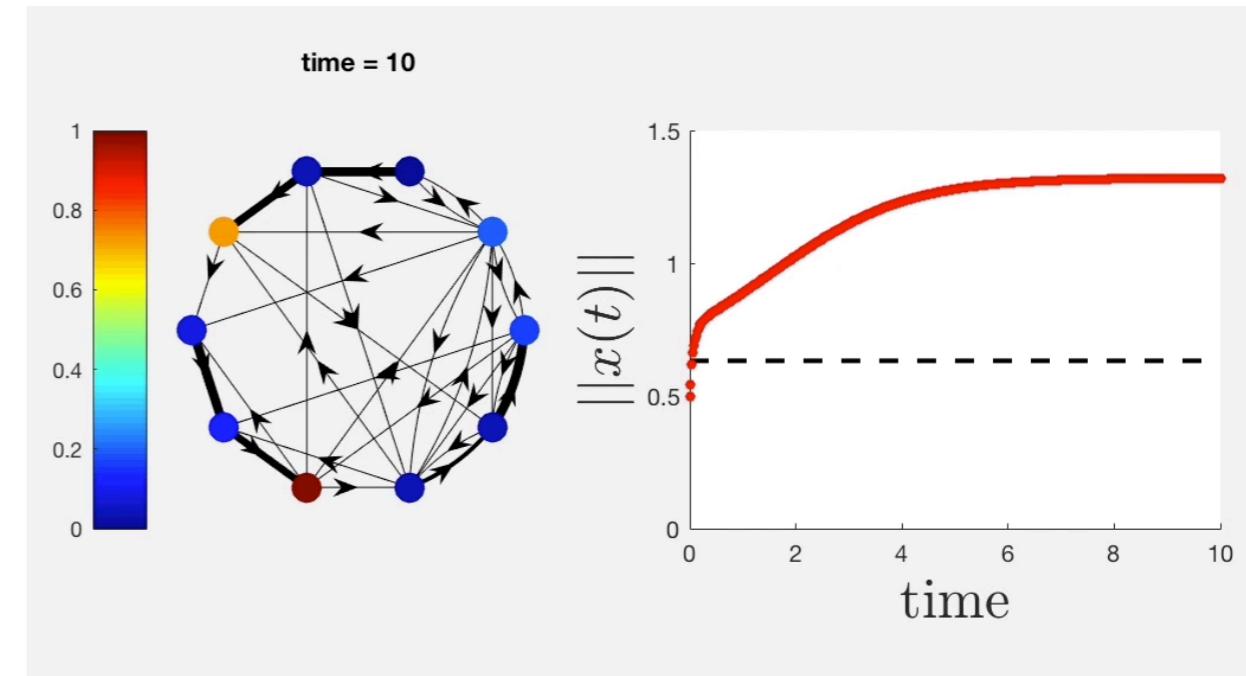
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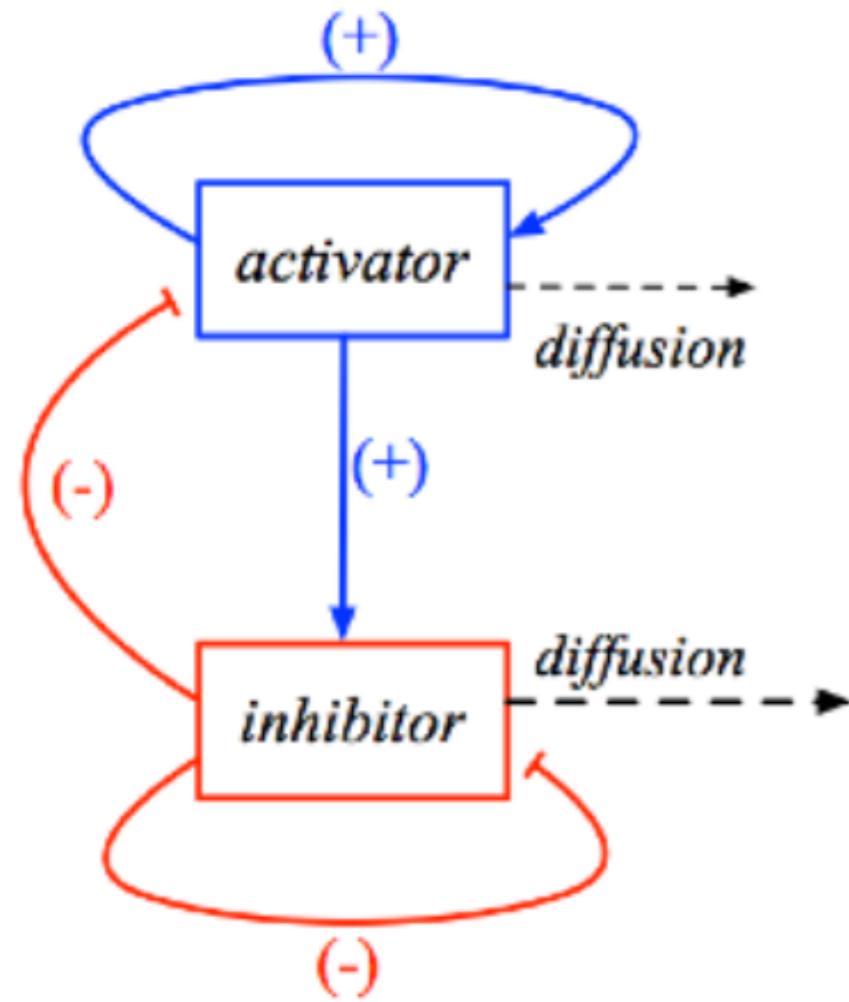


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Math models

# Turing mechanism: diffusion driven instability



Assume the network to be symmetric

$u_i(t)$  Amount of activator in node i at time t

$v_i(t)$  Amount of inhibitor in node i at time t

$$\begin{cases} \dot{u}_i &= f(u_i, v_i) + D_u \sum_j L_{ij} u_j \\ \dot{v}_i &= g(u_i, v_i) + D_v \sum_j L_{ij} v_j \end{cases}$$

A.M.Turing, The chemical basis of morphogenesis, Phil. Trans. R Soc London B, 237, (1952), pp.37

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# Turing mechanism: diffusion driven instability

1) The spatially homogeneous solution:

$$(u_i, v_i) = (\hat{u}, \hat{v}) \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

is stable without diffusion:  $D_u = D_v = 0$

2) The previous solution turns out to be unstable once the diffusion is in action

$$D_u > 0 \text{ and } D_v > 0$$

Small inhomogeneous initial perturbations are macroscopically amplified giving rise to patterns (spatially non homogenous solutions)

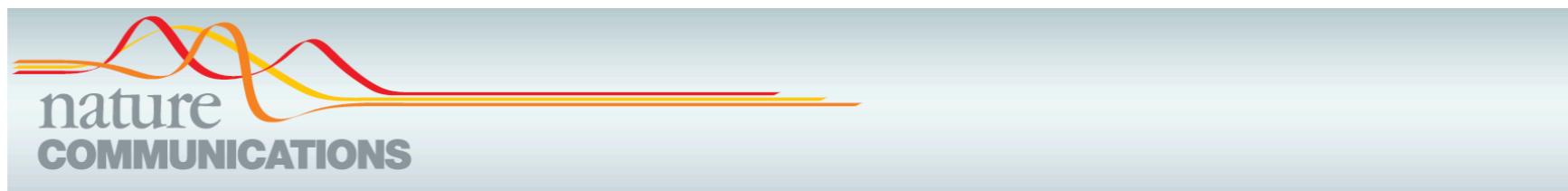
**Turing mechanism:**  
elegant and simple, but unable to describe patterns onset in real scenarios.

- ▶ At least two diffusing species are needed;
- ▶ Activator and inhibitor are both necessary;
- ▶ The inhibitor must diffuse much faster than the activator

$$D_v \gg D_u$$

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**Partial improvement: consider directed networks**



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The theory of pattern formation  
on directed networks

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**Still related to spectral properties ...**

**Turing mechanism:**  
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scenarios.

**Go one step further and consider non-normal networks!**

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### **Topological resilience in non-normal networked systems**

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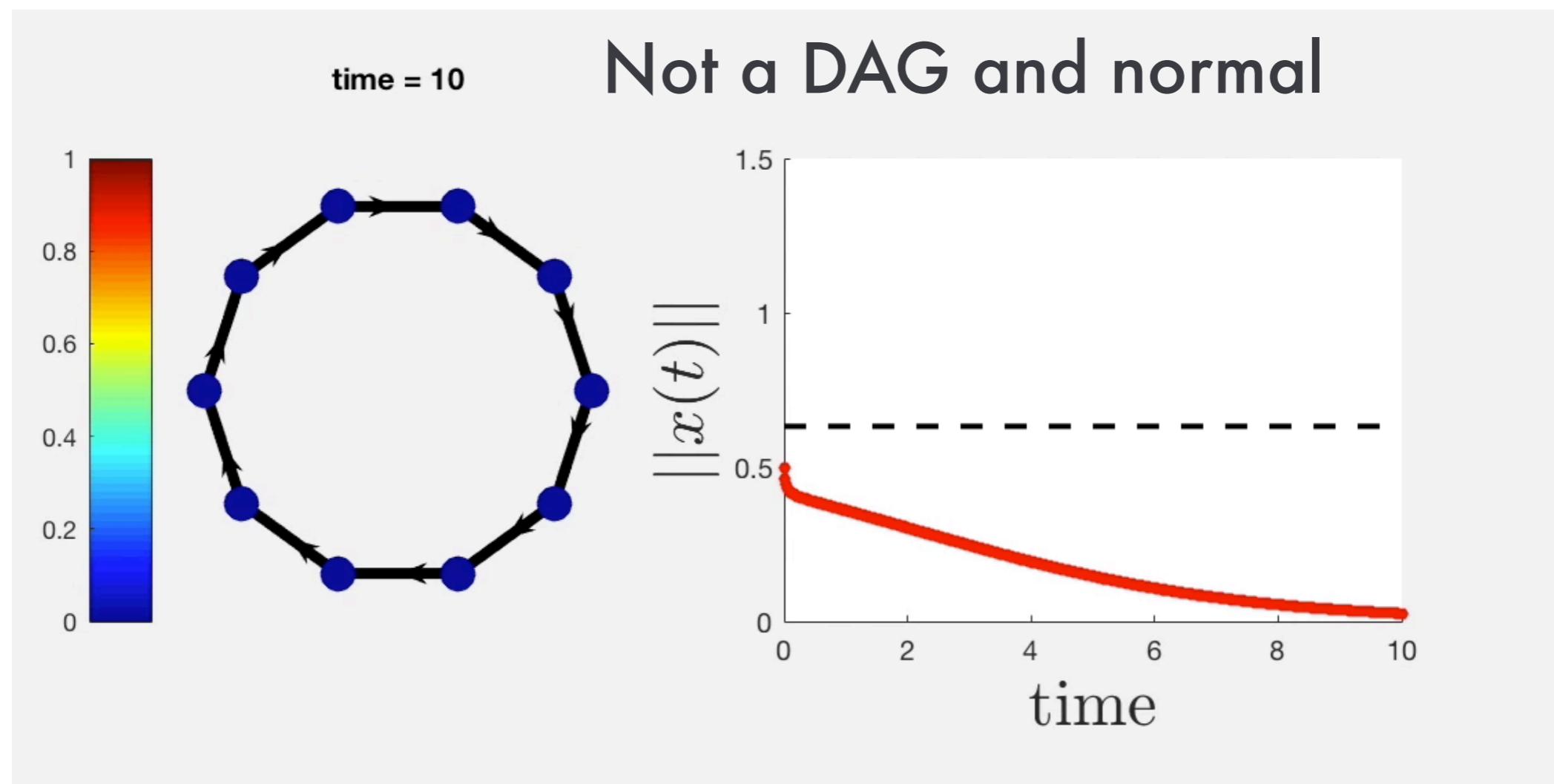
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**Definition (mathematical).** A network is non-normal, if its adjacency matrix  $A_{ij}$  does satisfy  $AA^T \neq A^TA$ .

**Definition (operational).** It must contain a large Direct Acyclic Graph (DAG).

Dynamical behaviour:

$$\|x(t)\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^M [x_i(t)]^2$$

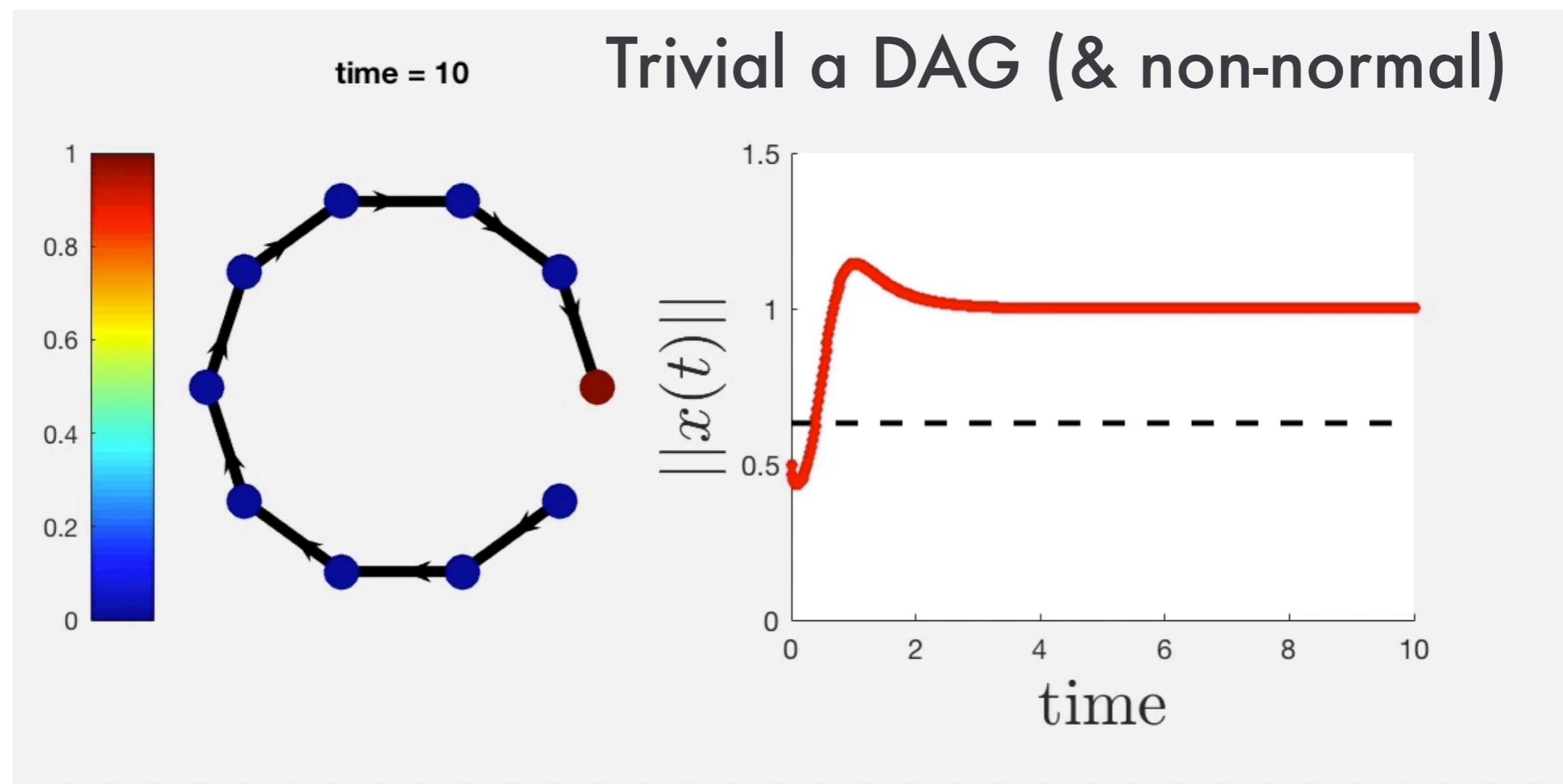


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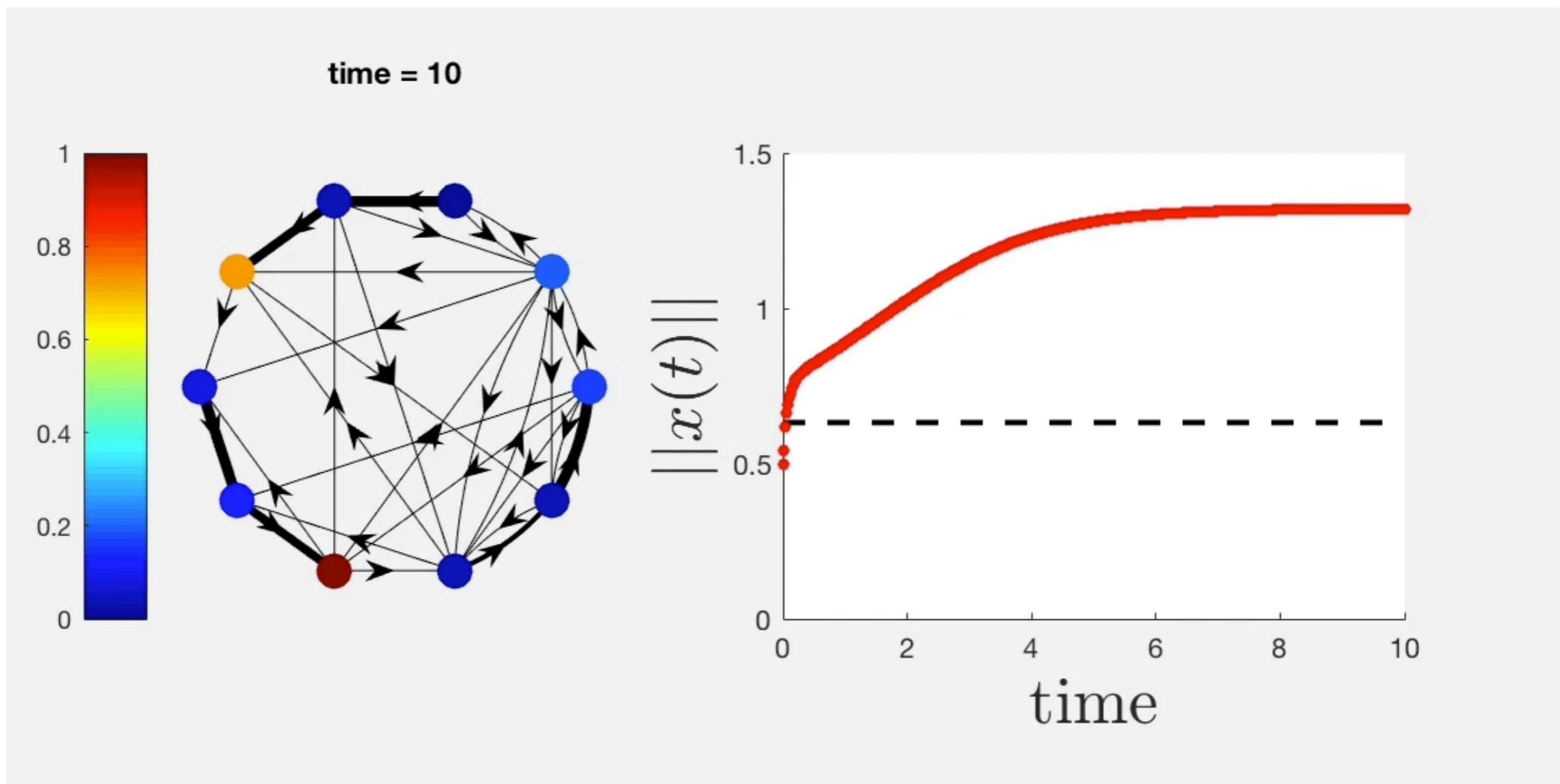
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# Non-normal network

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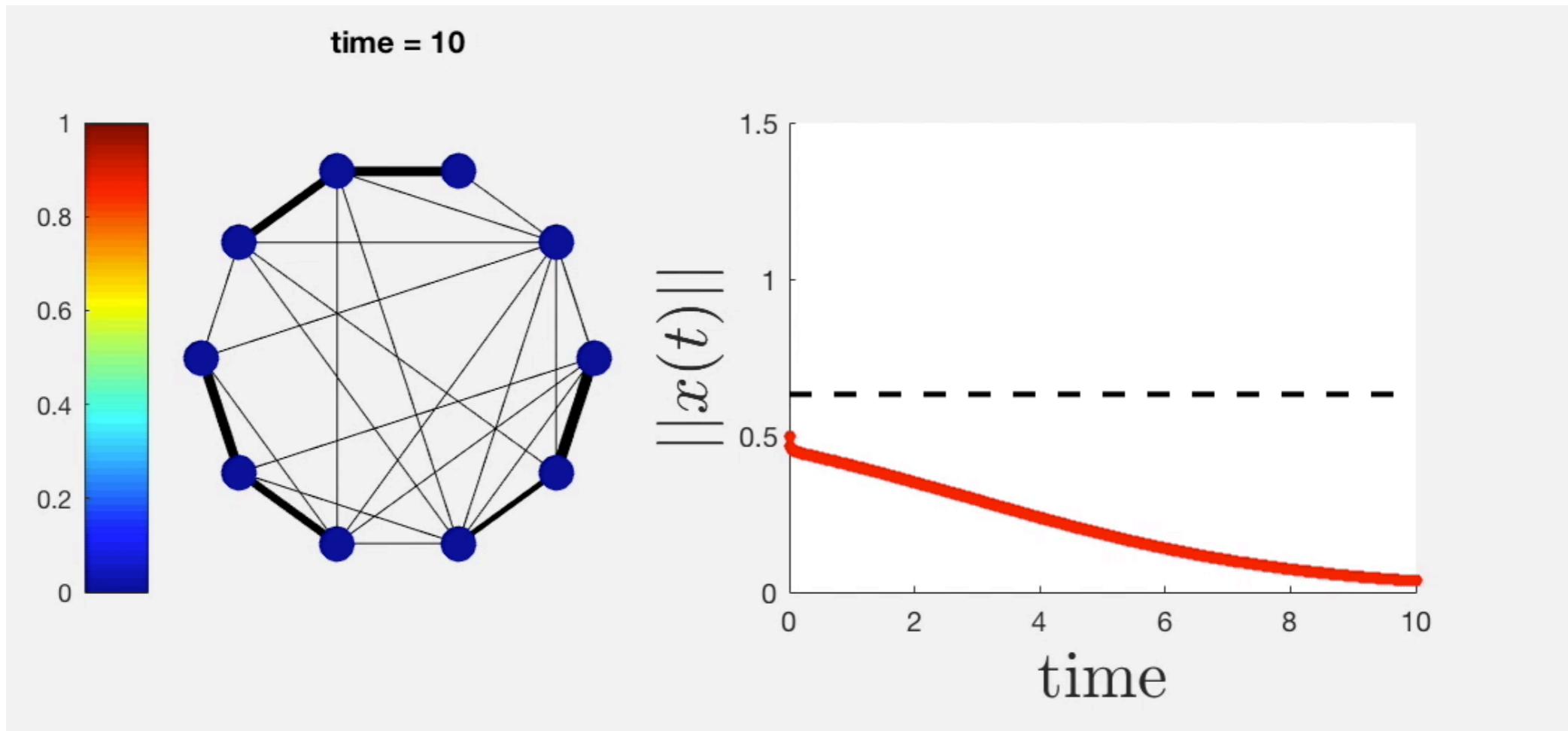
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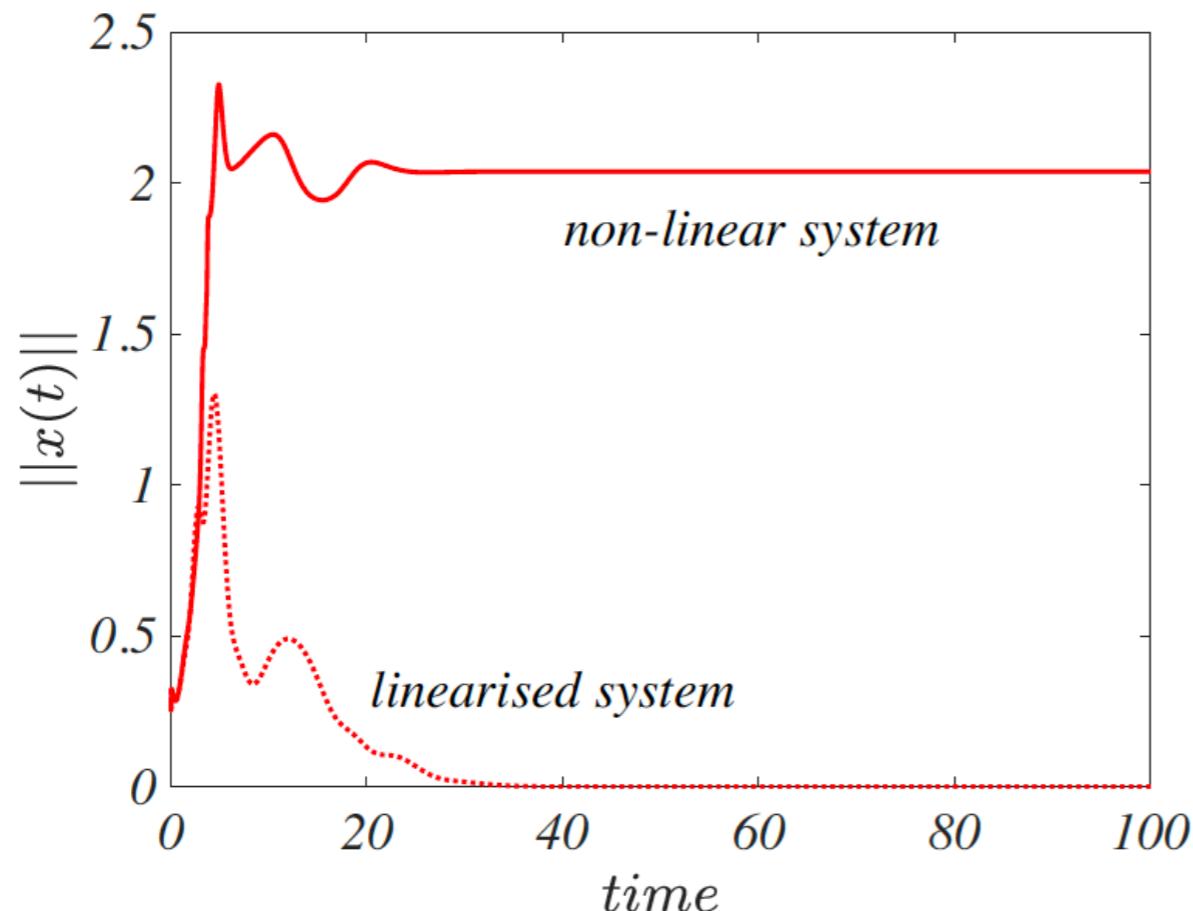
# Normal network (symmetric version of the previous one)

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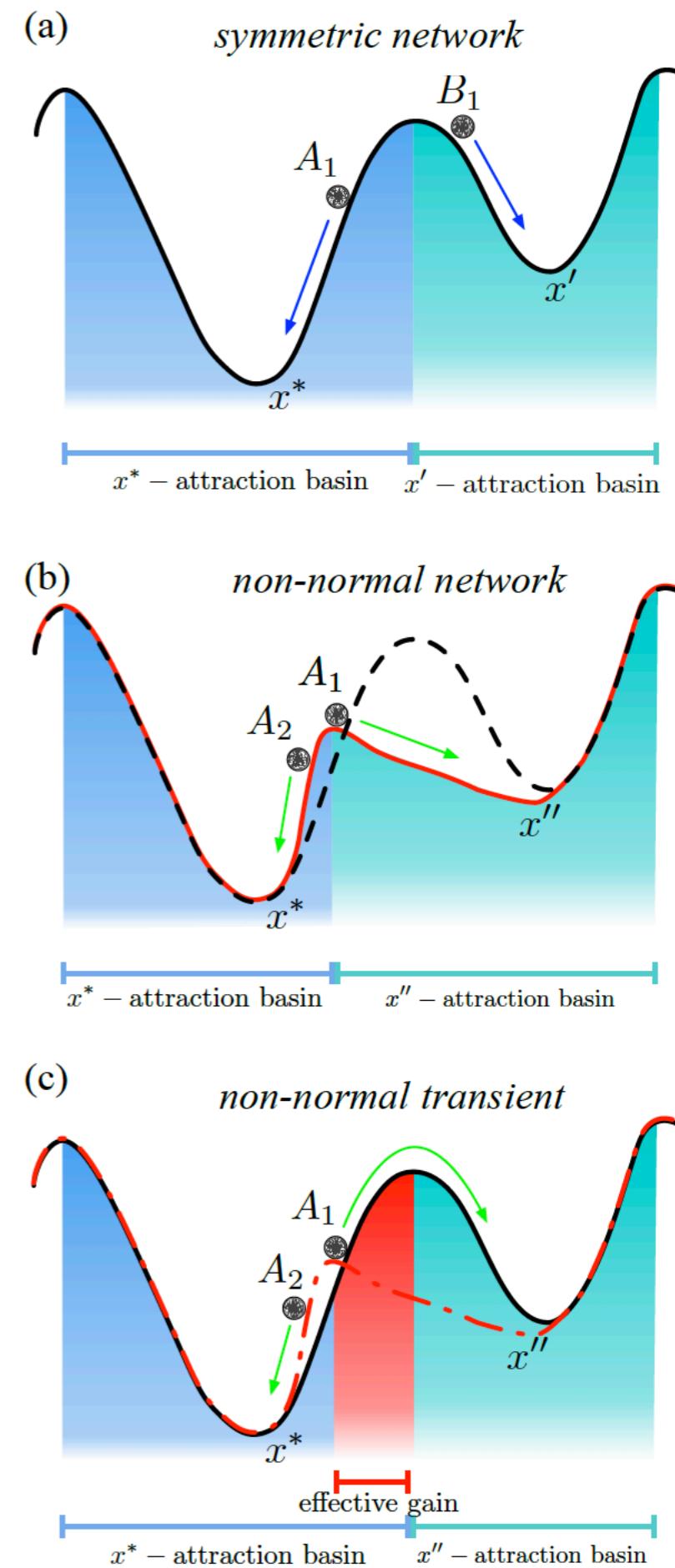
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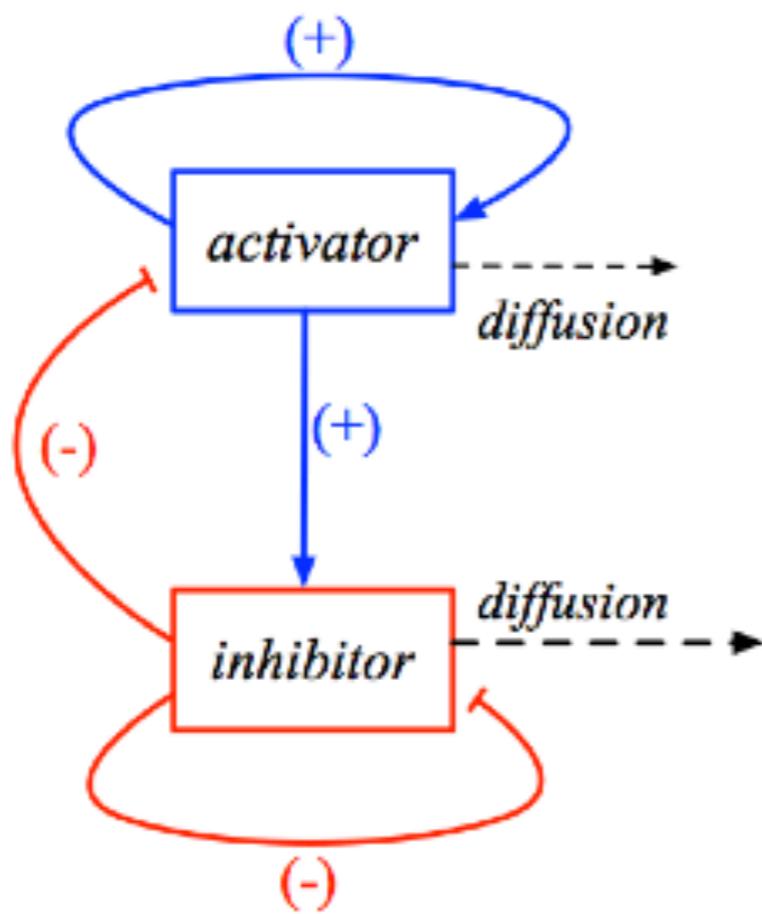
# Network non-normality reduces the stability of the homogeneous equilibrium.



Because of a strong transient amplification

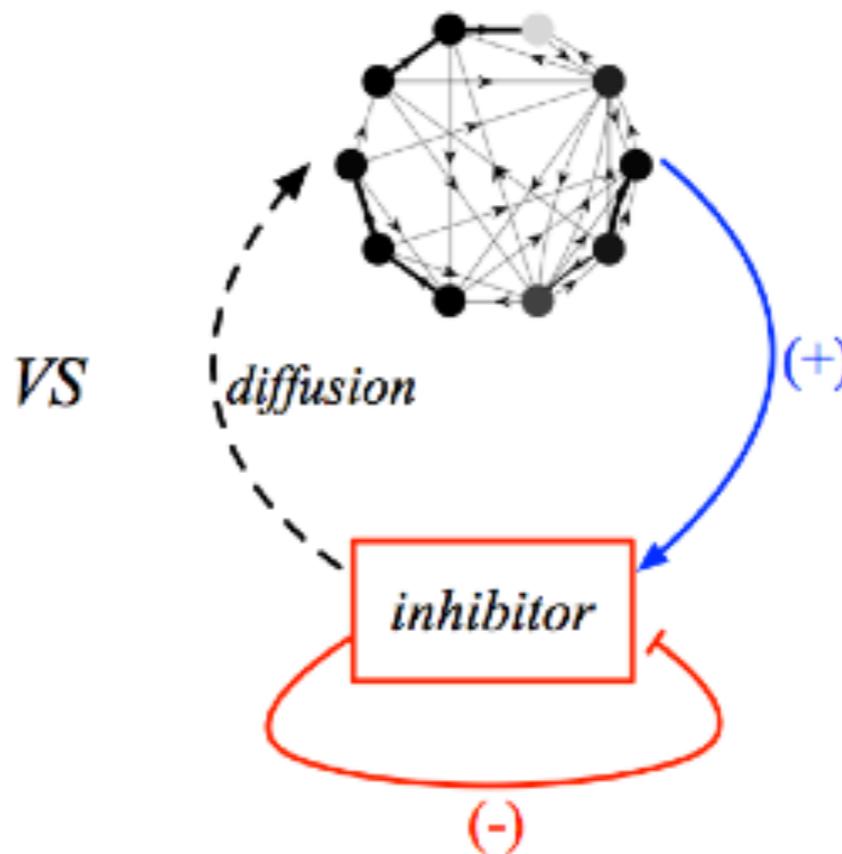


# Beyond the Turing mechanism



Turing mechanism

*non-normal support*



Non-normal mechanism

- ▶ The homogeneous equilibrium remains stable;
- ▶ One species is enough;
- ▶ No need for activator/inhibitor;
- ▶ No need for separate diffusion scales:  $D_u \sim D_v$

# Non-normal networks are “the rule”

Network name	nodes	links	$\omega$	$\omega - \alpha$	$\alpha_\epsilon$	$\Delta$	$\hat{d}_F$
<b>Foodwebs</b>							
Cypress wetlands South Florida (wet)	128	2016	296.71	132.11	167.46	0.83	1.00
Cypress wetlands South Florida (dry)	128	2137	217.60	152.50	82.20	0.89	1.00
Little Rock Lake (Wisconsin, US)	183	2494	21.69	14.69	10.02	0.95	0.93
<b>Biological</b>							
Transcriptional regulation network ( <i>E. coli</i> )	423	578	5.11	4.11	2.52	0.81	0.93
Metabolic network ( <i>C. Elegans</i> )	453	4596	13.44	12.44	6.89	0.98	1.00
Pairwise proteins interaction ( <i>Homo sapiens</i> )	2239	6452	15.79	13.02	4.01	0.99	0.99
<b>Transport</b>							
US airport 2010	1574	28236	$1.19 \cdot 10^7$	79.30	$1.19 \cdot 10^7$	0.01	1.00
Road transportation network (Rome)	3353	8870	$2.40 \cdot 10^4$	120.05	$2.39 \cdot 10^4$	0.08	0.28
Road transportation network (Chicago)	12982	39018	4.23	$4.29 \cdot 10^{-4}$	4.54	0.04	0.19
<b>Communication</b>							
e-mails network DNC	2029	39264	28.00	2.00	26.37	0.53	0.89
Enron email network (1999-2003)	87273	1148072	85.14	14.54	71.05	0.30	0.99(*)
e-mails network European institution	265214	420045	76.02	6.09	70.30	0.30	0.84(*)
<b>Citation</b>							
Citations to Milgram’s 1967 paper (2002)	395	1988	10.48	10.48	4.49	1.00	1.00
Articles from Scientometrics (1978-2000)	3084	10416	10.32	8.32	5.28	0.98	1.00
Citation network DBLP	12591	49743	21.50	16.82	8.45	0.87	1.00
<b>Social</b>							
Hyper-network of 2004 US election blogs	1224	19025	45.37	10.95	34.95	0.72	0.98
Reply network of the news website Digg	30398	87627	15.92	6.56	10.18	0.61	0.97
Trust network from the website Epinions	75879	508837	123.00	16.47	106.96	0.13	0.80(*)

## Conclusions

- ✓ Network non-normality can strongly modify the system behavior and create new patchy solutions (patterns).
- ✓ Many real networks exhibit strong non-normality and thus challenge our comprehension of their dynamics.
- ✓ Network non-normality can be easily measured.

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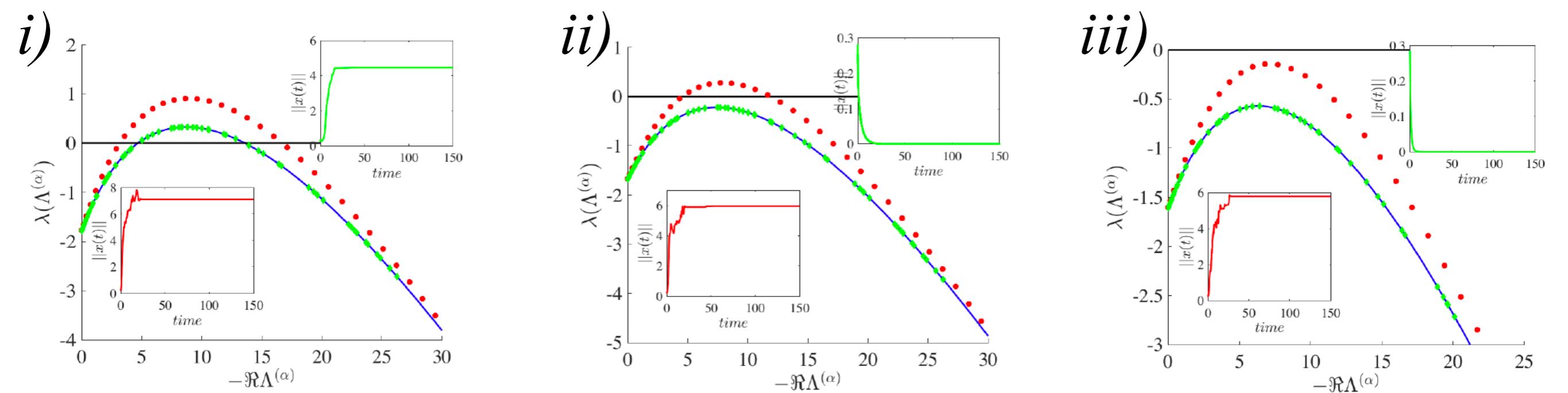
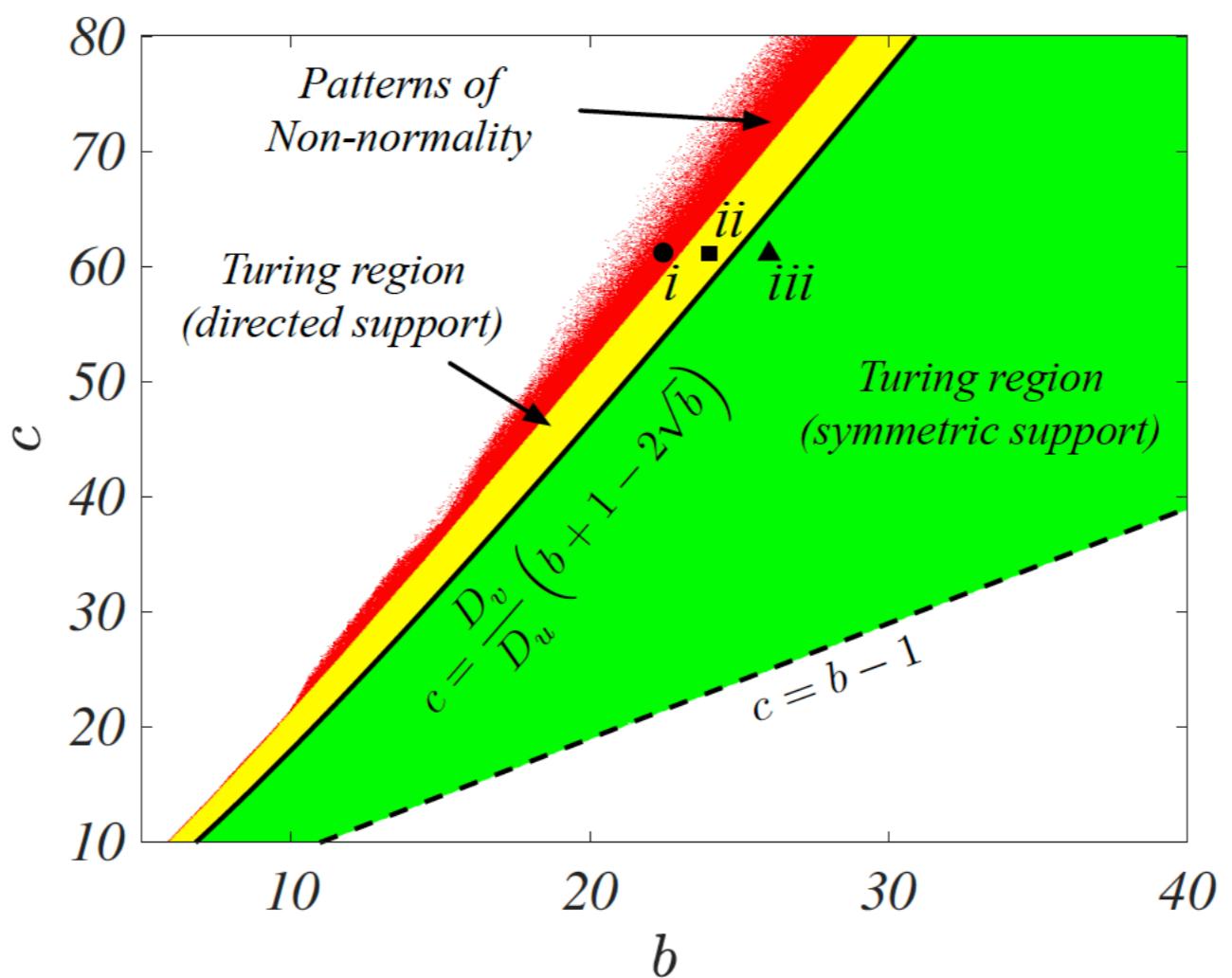
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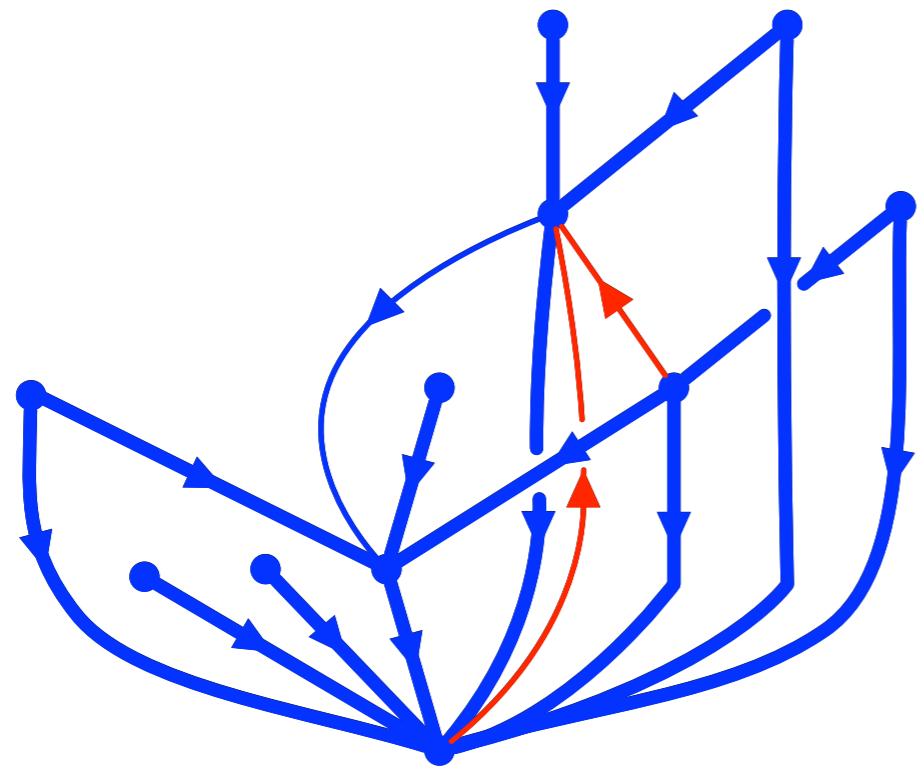
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# Non-normal networks: DAG backbone



$$A^* = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & \text{"many 1's"} \\ \text{"many 0's"} & 0 & \dots & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Adjacency matrix directed network

$$A_{ij} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if there exists } j \rightarrow i \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

A (simple) measure of non-normality

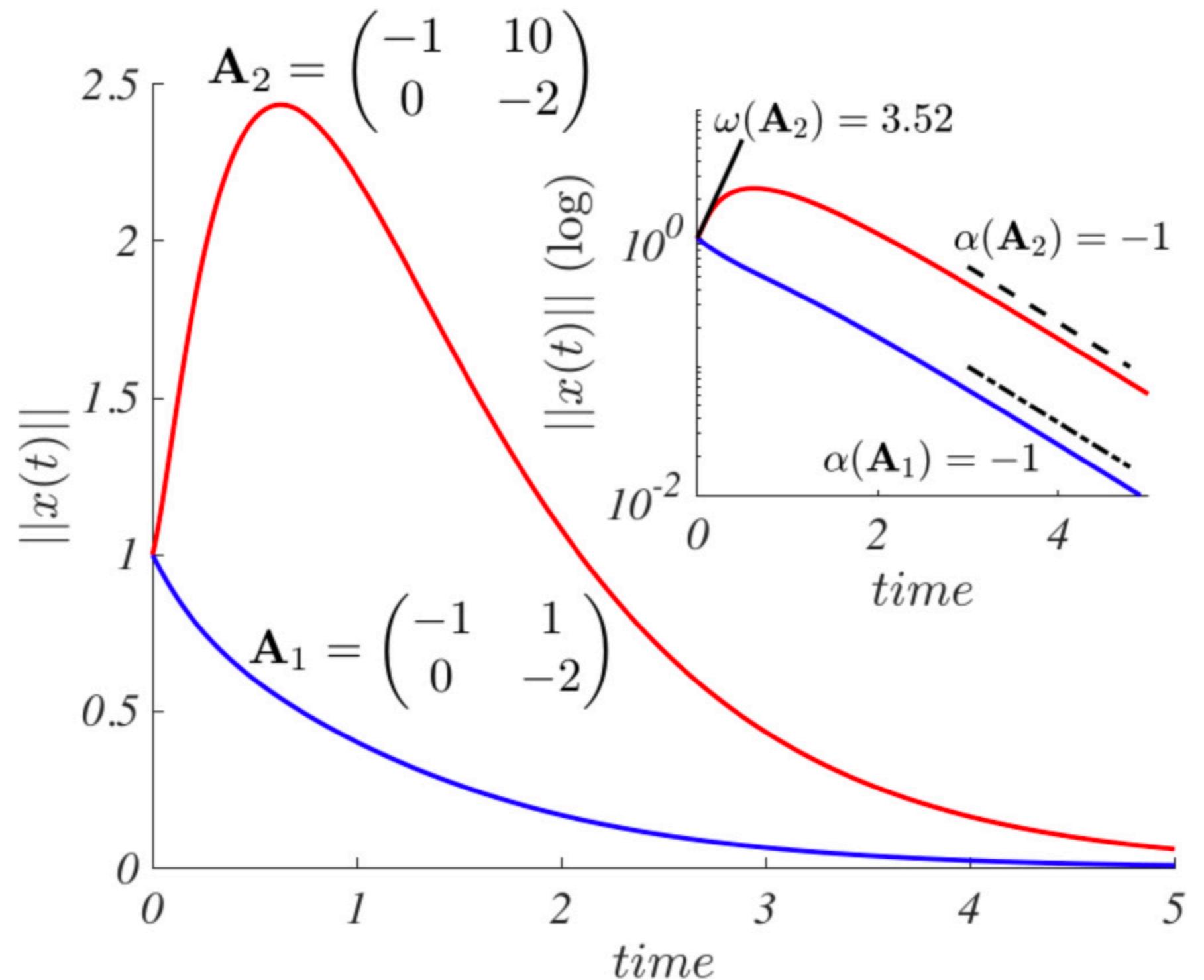
$$\Delta := |K^< - K^>|/K$$

$$K^< = \sum_{i < j} A_{ij}^* \quad K^> = \sum_{i > j} A_{ij}^*$$

$$K = K^< + K^>$$

# Linear asymptotically stable networked systems

$$\dot{\vec{x}} = A\vec{x}$$



Network name	nodes	links	$\omega$	$\omega - \alpha$	$\alpha_\epsilon$	$d_F$	$\bar{d}_F$	$\Delta$
<b>Foodwebs</b>								
Charca de Maspalomas, Gran Canaria [20, 21]	21	82	$5.40 \cdot 10^5$	$2.97 \cdot 10^4$	$5.10 \cdot 10^5$	$7.04 \cdot 10^5$	0.69	0.66
Crystal River (2) [21, 22]	21	100	$1.94 \cdot 10^3$	$8.86 \cdot 10^2$	$1.06 \cdot 10^3$	$3.26 \cdot 10^3$	0.90	0.72
Crystal River (1) [21, 22]	21	125	$2.52 \cdot 10^3$	$1.31 \cdot 10^3$	$1.21 \cdot 10^3$	$4.42 \cdot 10^3$	0.93	0.80
Narragansett Bay Model [21, 23]	32	220	6.83	0.84	0.40	9.95	0.79	0.79
Lower Chesapeake (Summer carbon flows) [21, 24]	34	178	$1.06 \cdot 10^5$	$3.34 \cdot 10^4$	$7.24 \cdot 10^4$	$1.92 \cdot 10^5$	0.88	0.76
Middle Chesapeake (Summer carbon flows) [21, 24]	34	209	$1.65 \cdot 10^5$	$3.47 \cdot 10^4$	$1.30 \cdot 10^5$	$2.57 \cdot 10^5$	0.77	0.75
Upper Chesapeake (Summer carbon flows) [21, 24]	34	215	$6.23 \cdot 10^4$	$7.76 \cdot 10^3$	$5.45 \cdot 10^4$	$1.05 \cdot 10^5$	0.81	0.68
Chesapeake (Summer carbon flows) [21, 25]	36	177	$4.11 \cdot 10^5$	$9.87 \cdot 10^4$	$3.13 \cdot 10^5$	$6.48 \cdot 10^5$	0.84	0.71
St Marks River (Florida) Estuary [21, 26]	51	356	139.50	28.45	111.51	201.34	0.80	0.70
Everglades Graminoid Marshes [21, 27]	66	916	$1.44 \cdot 10^3$	$1.04 \cdot 10^3$	407.94	$2.82 \cdot 10^3$	0.98	0.95
Foodweb cypress wetlands South Florida (wet season) [28, 29]	128	2016	296.71	132.11	167.46	266.65	1.00	0.83
Foodweb cypress wetlands South Florida (dry season) [28, 29]	128	2137	217.60	152.50	82.20	223.41	1.00	0.89
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<b>Biological</b>								
Secondary-structure elements adjacency for large proteins (PDB, serine protease inhibitor 1EAW) [8]	53	123	2.90	2.90	2.22	14.04	1.00	1.00
Secondary-structure elements adjacency for large proteins (PDB, immunoglobulin 1A4J) [8]	95	213	2.68	2.68	2.22	18.63	1.00	0.95
Secondary-structure elements adjacency for large proteins (PDB, oxidoreductase 1AOR) [8]	99	212	3.27	3.27	2.46	19.36	1.00	0.97
Local subnetwork of neurons within C. Elegans rostral ganglia [31]	130	764	7.99	2.46	6.26	10.50	0.92	0.76
Transcriptional regulation network (Escherichia coli) [32]	423	578	5.11	4.11	2.52	31.45	0.93	0.81
Metabolic network (Caenorhabditis Elegans) [33, 34]	453	4596	13.44	12.44	6.89	14.25	1.00	0.98
Transcriptional regulation networks (Saccharomyces cerevisiae) [35]	688	1079	4.99	3.66	2.19	26.17	0.99	0.99
Pairwise proteins interaction <i>Homo sapiens</i> (large) [33, 36]	2239	6452	15.79	13.02	4.01	46.98	0.99	0.99
Human binary protein-protein interactions [33, 37]	3133	6726	8.31	7.31	4.54	55.12	0.98	0.80
<b>Transport</b>								
Preferred Routes Database (NFDC, US FAA) [38, 39]	1226	2615	5.73	0.48	5.62	$30.67$	0.88	0.69
US airport 2010 [39, 40]	1574	28236	$1.19 \cdot 10^7$	79.30	$1.19 \cdot 10^7$	$4.76 \cdot 10^6$	1.00	0.01
Directed road transportation network 1999 (Rome, Italy) [39, 41]	3353	8870	$2.40 \cdot 10^4$	120.05	$2.39 \cdot 10^4$	$2.80 \cdot 10^4$	0.28	0.08
Directed road transportation network (Chicago region, USA) [39, 42, 43]	12982	39018	4.23	$4.29 \cdot 10^{-4}$	4.54	37.53	0.19	0.04
<b>Communication</b>								
Sent messages among students								
University of California, Irvine [44, 45]	1899	59835	36.38	2.12	34.60	26.11	0.87	0.33
e-mails network Democratic National Committee (2016) [44]	2029	39264	28.00	2.00	26.37	24.13	0.89	0.53
Wikipedia who-votes-on-whom network [46–48]	8297	103689	74.42	29.28	45.92	90.07	0.99	0.85
Enron email network (1999-2003) [44, 49]	87273	1148072	85.14	14.54	71.05	160.07(*)	0.99(*)	0.30
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Cora citation network [52]	23166	91500	16.11	7.12	9.91	150.96	0.99	0.74
<b>Social</b>								
College students in a course about leadership [8]	32	96	3.74	0.62	3.56	4.90	0.87	0.63
Inmates in prison [8]	67	182	3.75	0.41	3.76	6.86	0.84	0.55
Highschool Illinois [54, 55]	70	366	10.35	0.76	10.00	11.32	0.94	0.46
Friendship network Australian National University campus [55, 56]	217	2672	53.98	3.10	51.24	45.24	0.94	0.34
Network of innovation spread among physicians (1966) [55, 57]	241	1098	6.45	0.72	6.11	14.02	0.90	0.63
Hyperlinks network of 2004 US election blogs [58, 59]	1224	19025	45.37	10.95	34.95	34.32	0.98	0.72
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