

# Coding Positional Information with Phases: Pattern Recognition by Wave-Matching

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2. Graph Matching
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4. Dynamic Temporal Matching
5. Lattice Wave Induction

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- Ascribing structure to data
- Gestalt: bottom-up self-organization
- Schemas: top-down guided organization
- Perceptual and cognitive schemas

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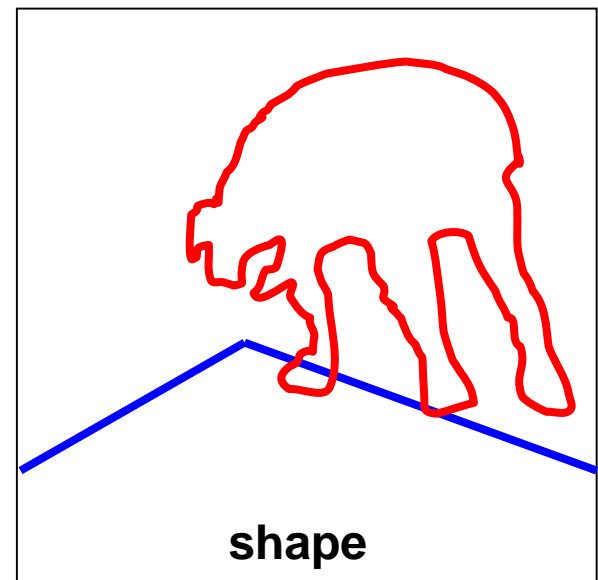
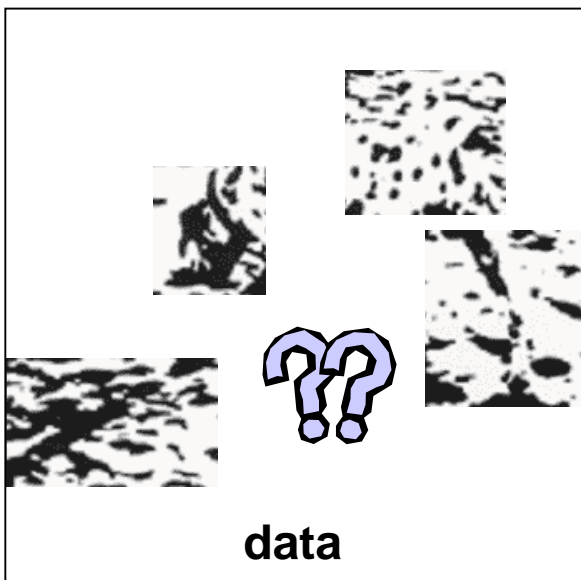
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# 1. Active Perception

## ➤ Ascribing structure to data

- ✓ active perception means actively *organizing* raw sensory data
- ✓ feature grouping & segmentation proceed on two levels
  - *bottom-up* self-organization of low-level features → Gestalt principles
  - *top-down* pattern recognition → pre-recorded schemas

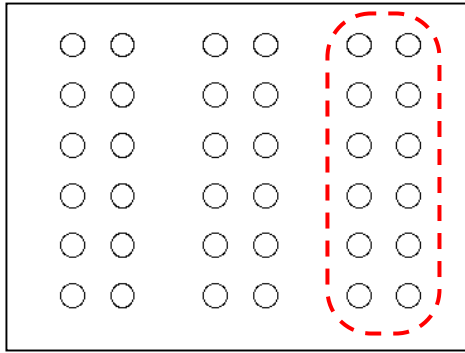


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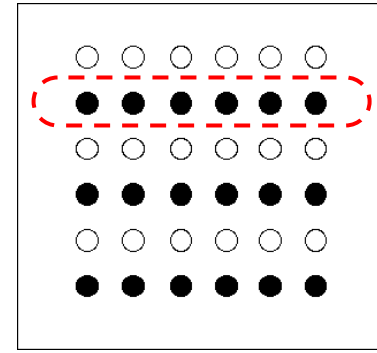
## ➤ Gestalt: bottom-up self-organization

✓ low-level organizational principles group features *locally*

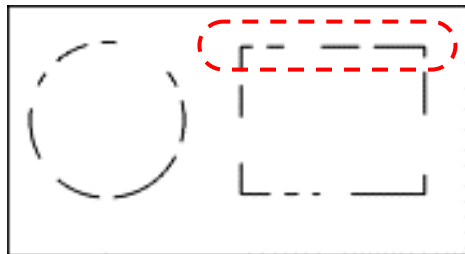
✓ proximity



✓ similarity



✓ closure/continuity



✓ symmetry

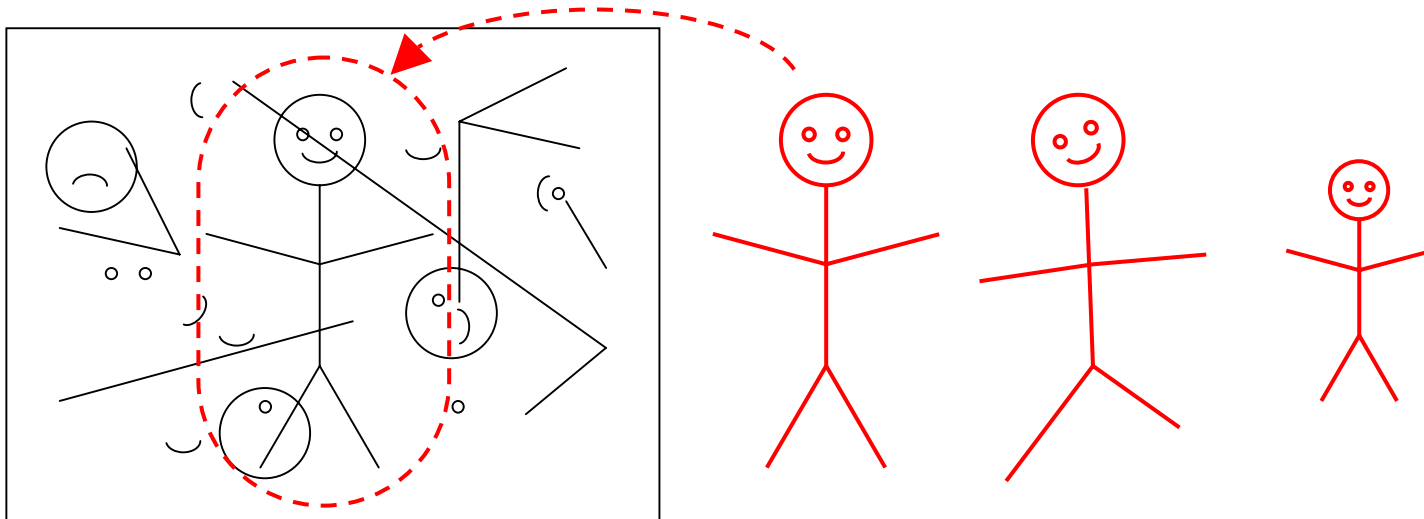
✓ common fate

✓ etc.

# 1. Active Perception

## ➤ Schemas: top-down guided organization

- ✓ high-level stored patterns finish grouping features *globally*
- ✓ local regularities or statistical properties are not enough: recognition must be guided by *schemas*
  - schemas are *constrained*: specific assemblage of components
  - yet also *flexible*: invariant by rotation, translation, scaling, distortions

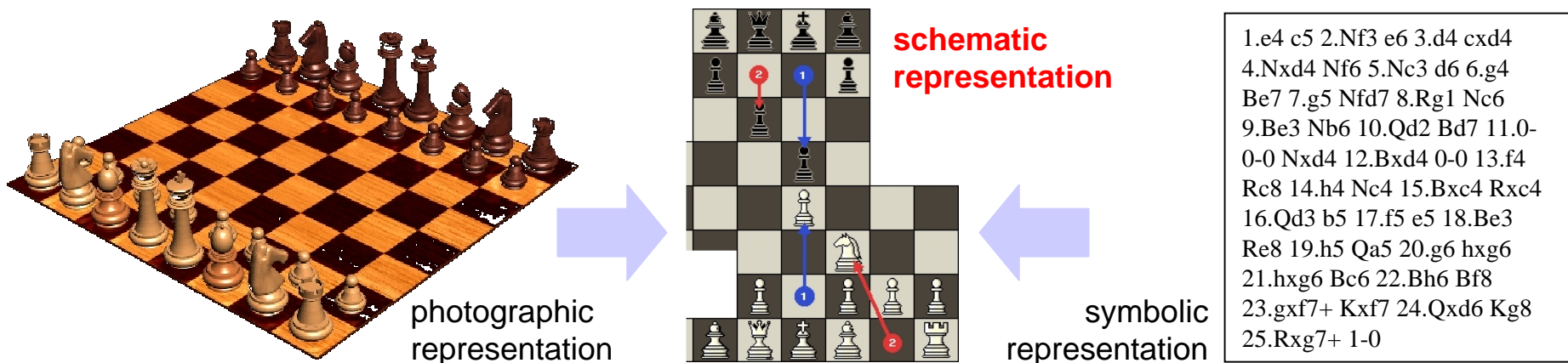


# 1. Active Perception

## ➤ Perceptual and cognitive schemas

- ✓ schemas ("mental representations") are simplified but representative models of cognitive categories
- ✓ they contain no details but have an overall resemblance with their object, mixing analogic and symbolic information
- ✓ ex: "mental imagery", "geons", "cognitive linguistic icons", etc.

→ *compositionality: components, modules, building blocks*



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## 2. Graph Matching

- Schemas as graph templates
- Top-down schema application as graph matching
- Elastic graph matching

## 3. Phase Tagging

## 4. Dynamic Temporal Matching

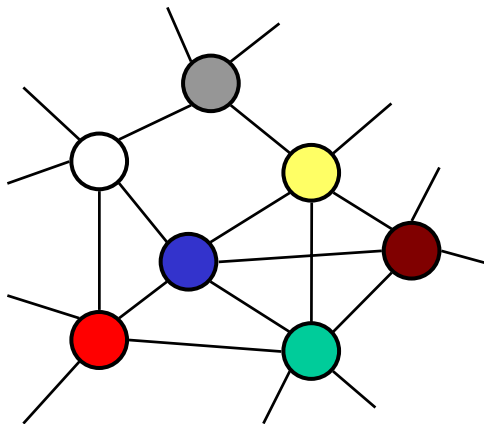
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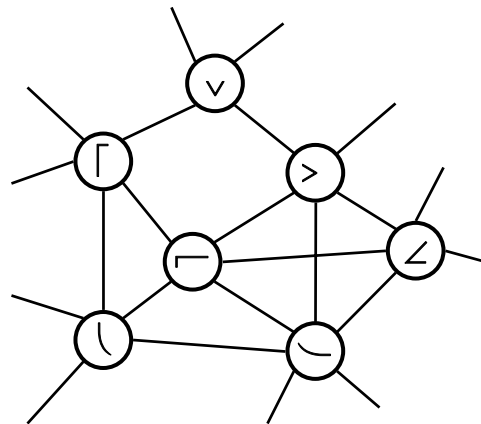
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### ➤ Schemas as graph templates

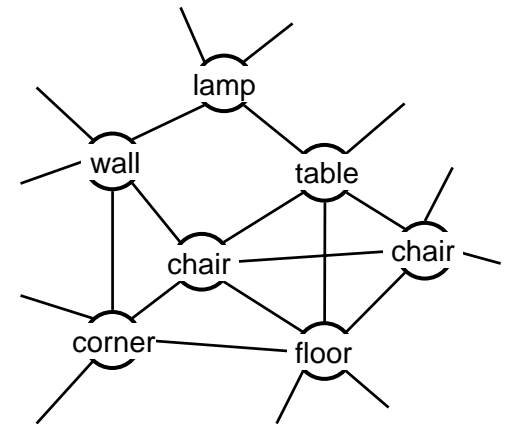
- ✓ *graphs* provide a general relational format of representation especially appropriate for modeling schemas
- ✓ graphs are “constellations of features”, in which
  - nodes carry *labels* → symbolic information
  - links carry *geometrical relationships* → analogic information



pixels



contours



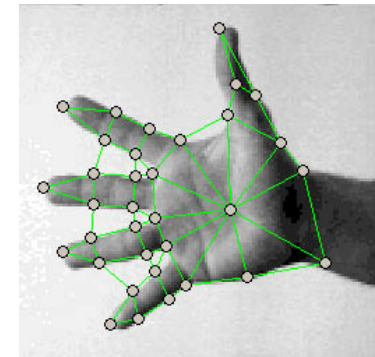
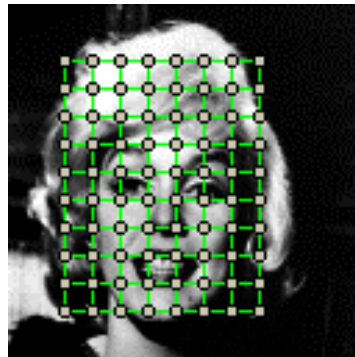
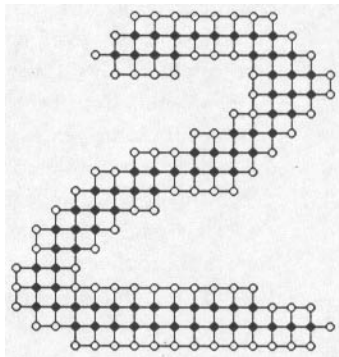
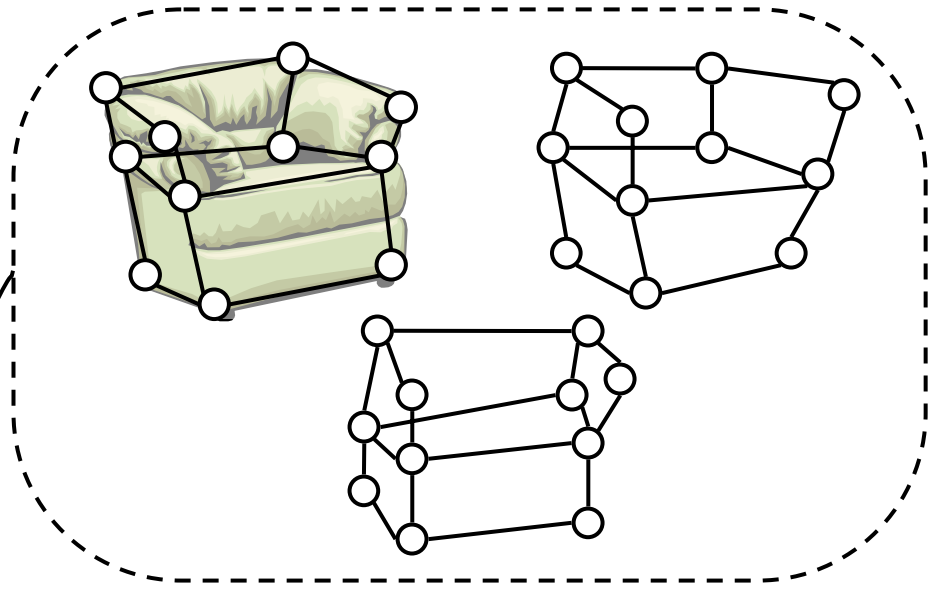
symbols/objects

## 2. Graph Matching

### ➤ Schemas as graph templates

- ✓ information tradeoff between labels and links
- ✓ examples of graphs
  - objects
  - faces
  - characters
  - etc.

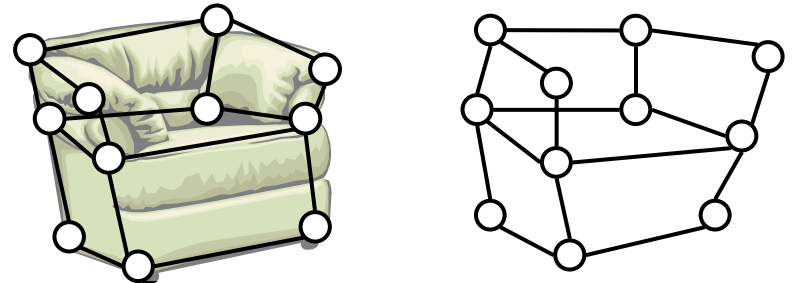
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### ➤ Top-down schema application as graph matching

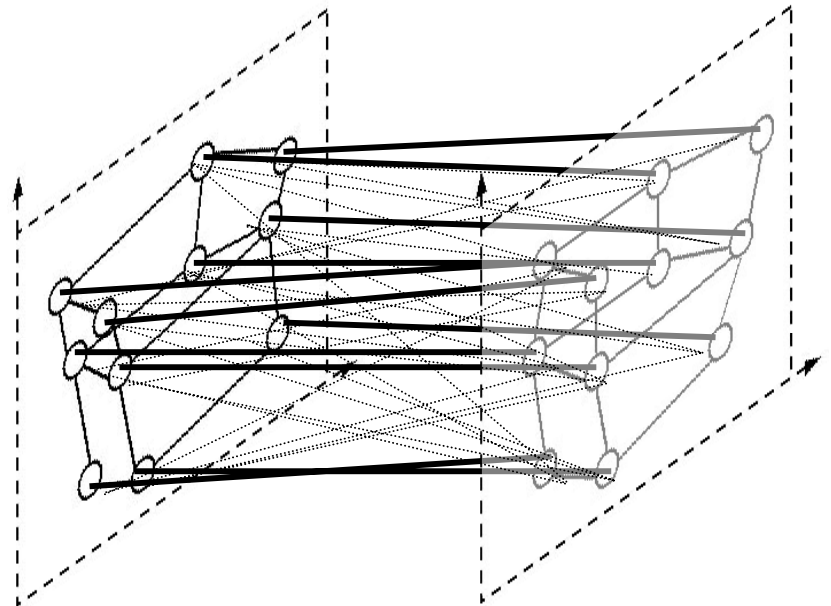
- ✓ expectation: graphs representing the same object category are structurally similar



→ *modeling schemas as deformable templates*

- ✓ graph templates can be directly compared by *graph matching*

→ *establishment of a dynamical link mapping*

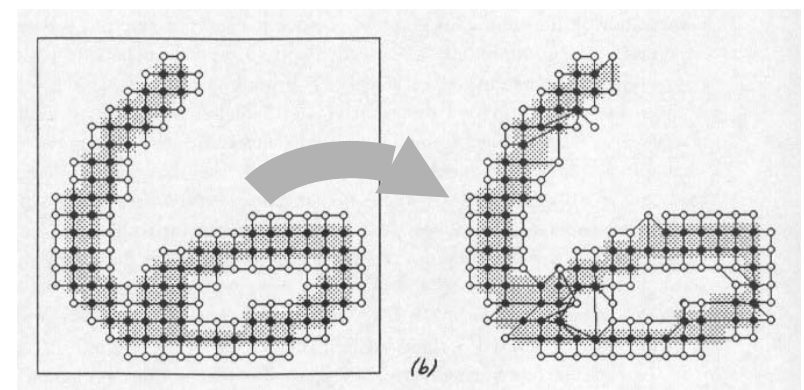
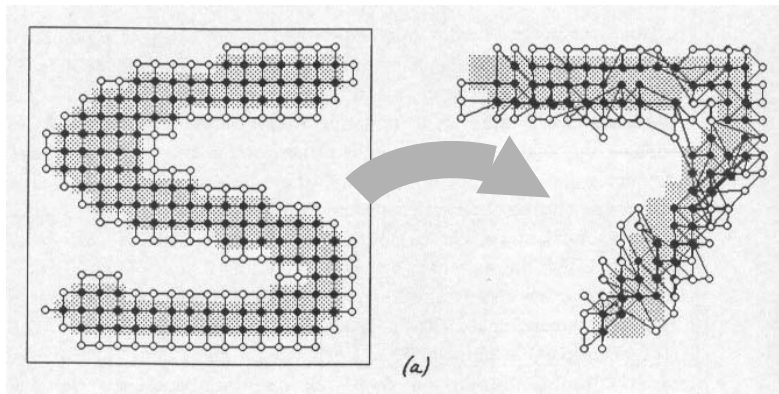
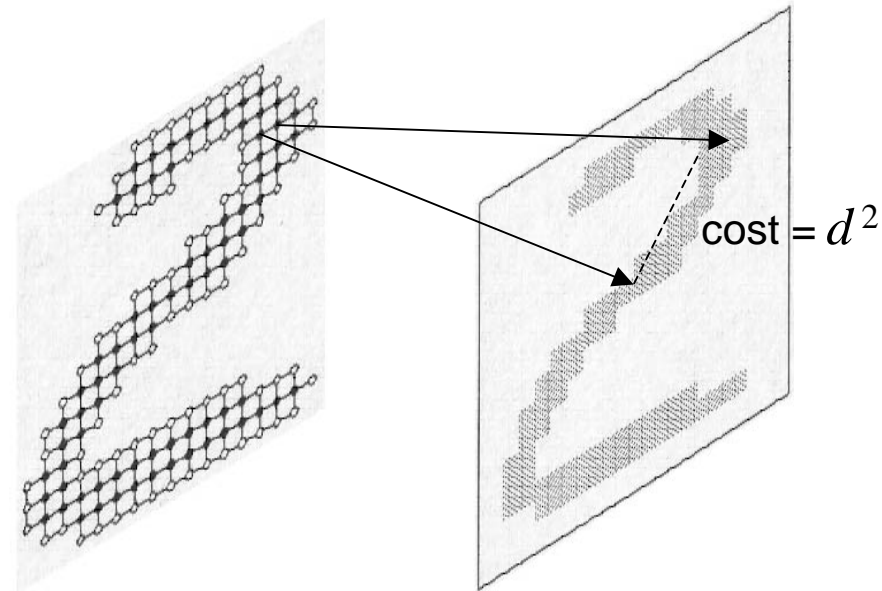


## 2. Graph Matching

### ➤ Elastic graph matching

- one link per node
- minimize distance
- minimize label difference

→ *link mapping equivalent to an elastic deformation*



Bienenstock and Doursat (1994) *A shape-recognition model using dynamical links.*

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- Temporal coding of graphs
- Coupled oscillatory units
- Block synchronization: segmentation
- Traveling waves: positional information

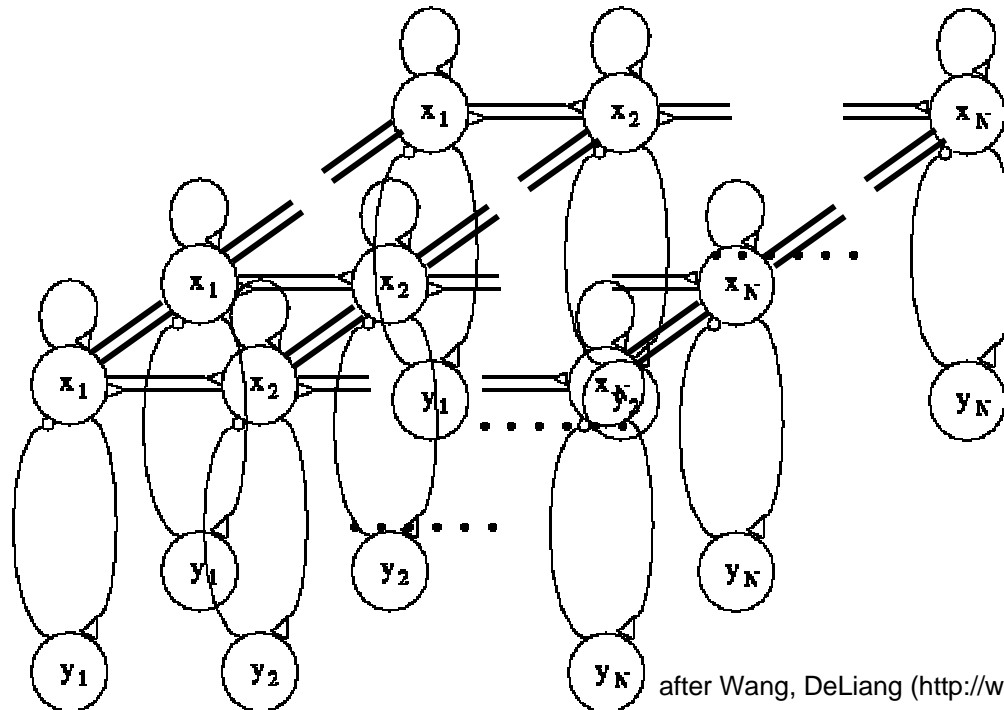
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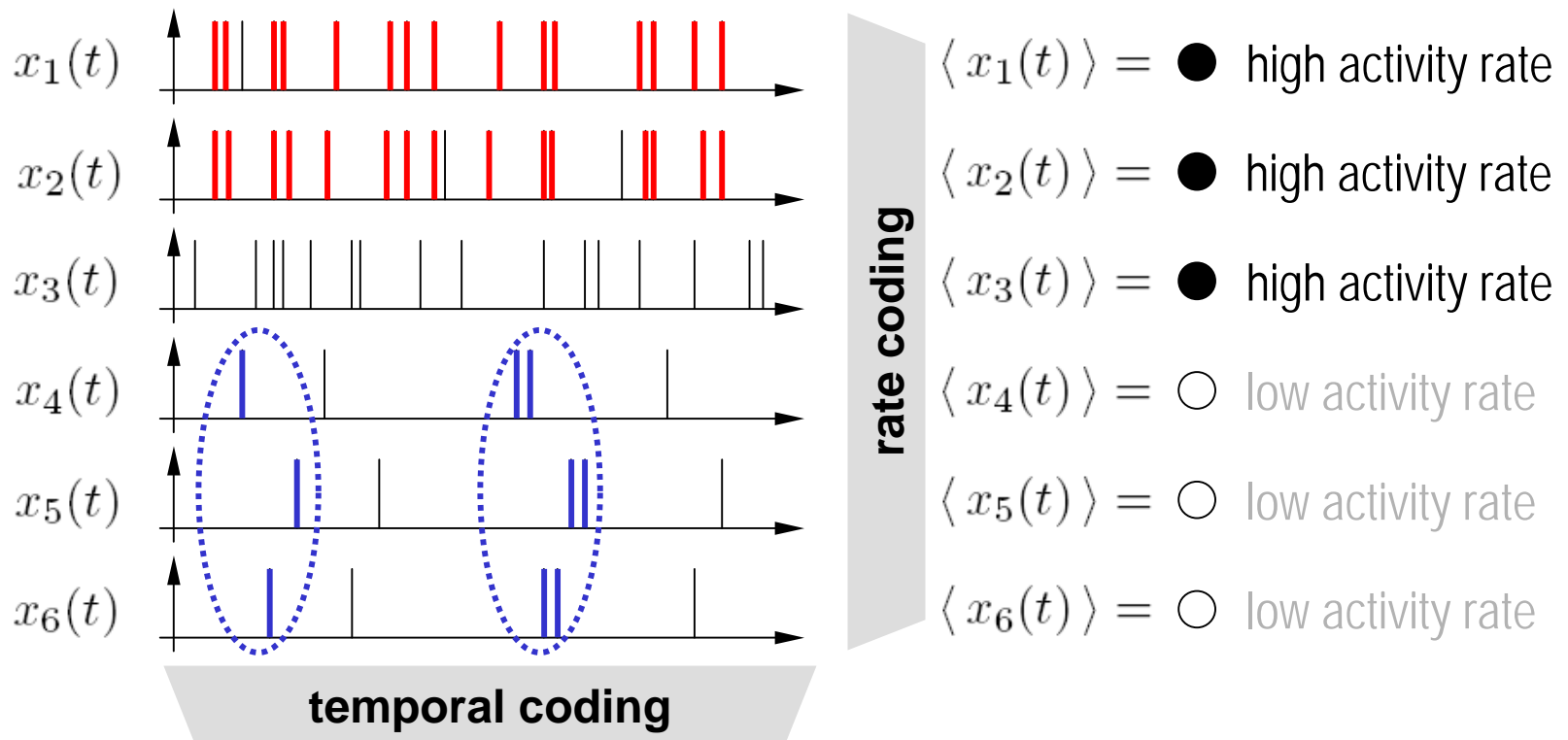
- ✓ main idea: a schema is a graph, where a graph is a network of *coupled temporal units* — spiking, excitable, oscillatory, etc.
  - nodes = timings (phases)
  - links = timing (phase) differences



after Wang, DeLiang (<http://www.cse.ohio-state.edu/~dwang/>)

# 3. Phase Tagging

## ➤ Temporal coding of graphs



$$\langle x_1(t) x_2(t) \rangle \gg \langle x_1(t) x_3(t) \rangle$$

➤ 1 and 2 more in sync than 1 and 3

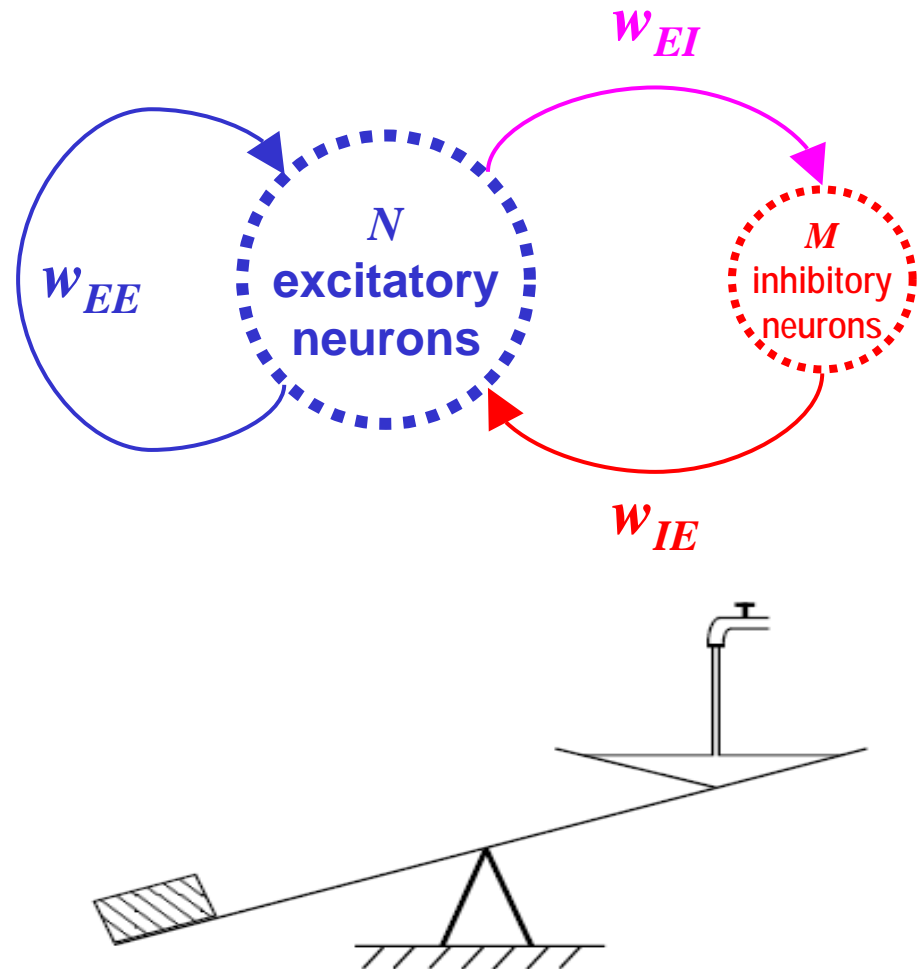
$$\langle x_4(t) x_5(t - \tau_{4,5}) x_6(t - \tau_{4,6}) \rangle$$

➤ 4, 5 and 6 correlated through delays

### 3. Phase Tagging

#### ➤ Coupled oscillatory units

- ✓ example: dual excitatory-inhibitory system
- ✓ this system is a *relaxation oscillator*, i.e., exhibits discontinuous jumps
- ✓ different from sinusoidal or harmonic oscillations



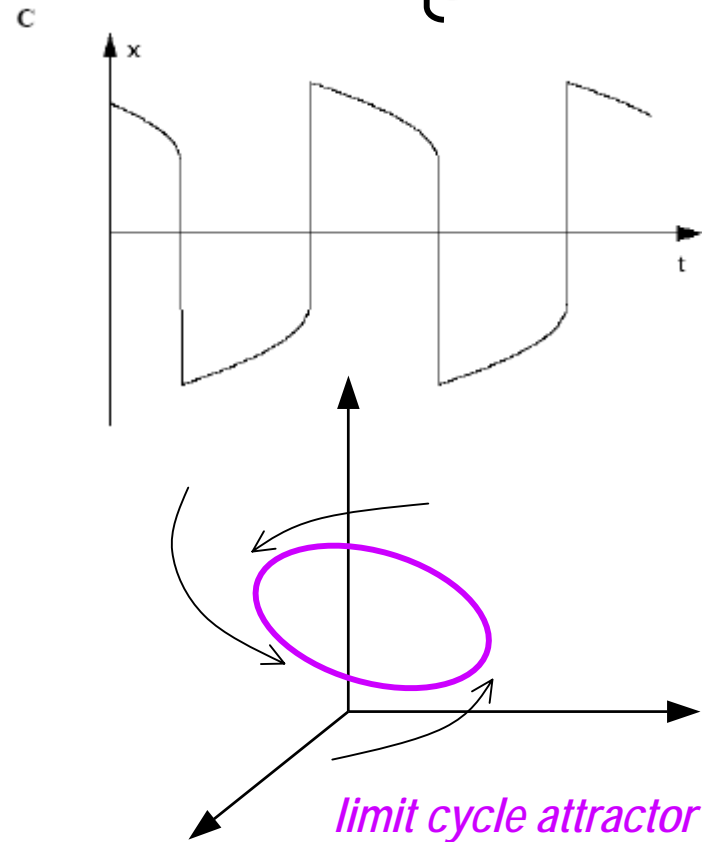
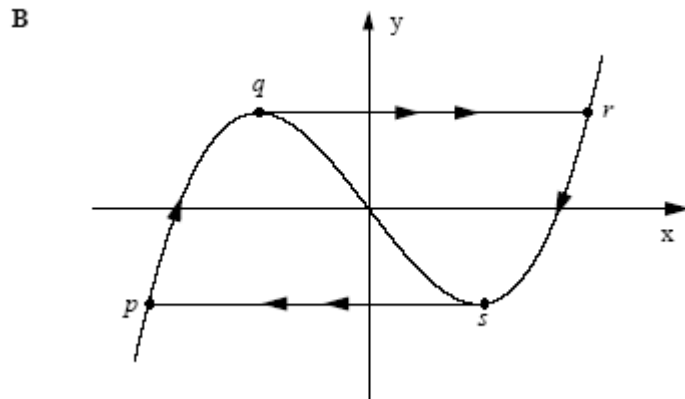
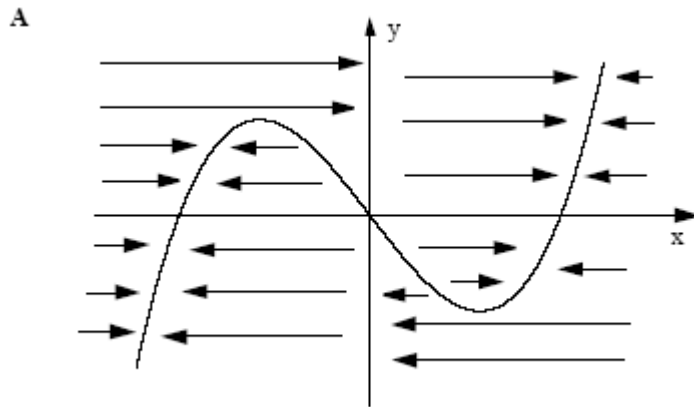
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## ➤ Coupled oscillatory units

✓ Van der Pol oscillator  $\ddot{x} + x = c(1 - x^2)\dot{x} \iff \begin{cases} \dot{x} = c(y - f(x)) \\ \dot{y} = -x / c \end{cases}$

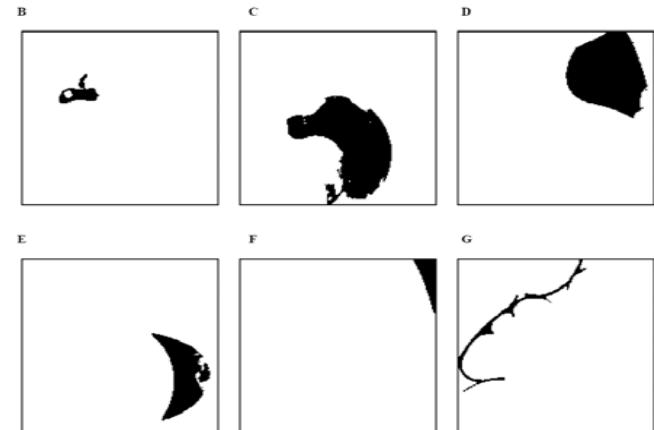
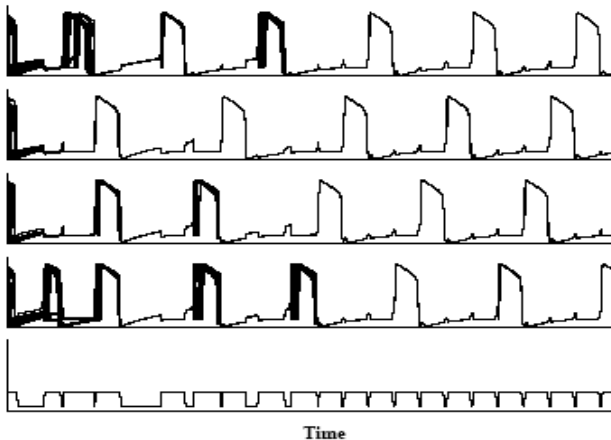
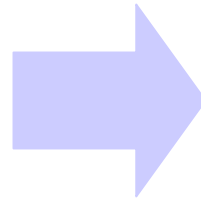


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#### ➤ Block synchronization: segmentation

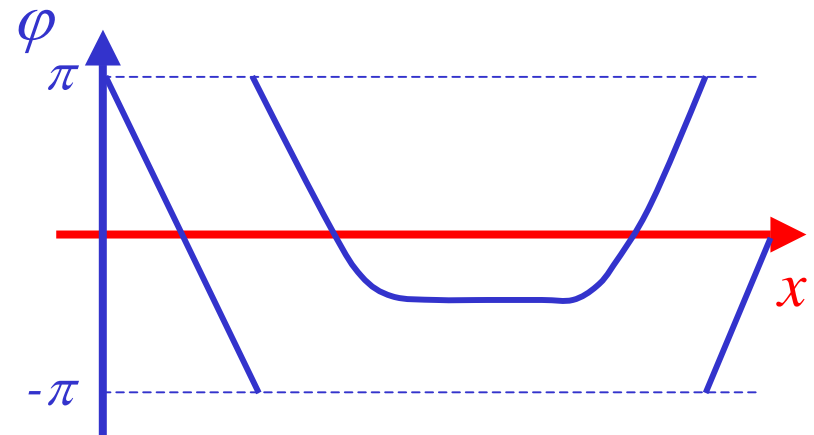
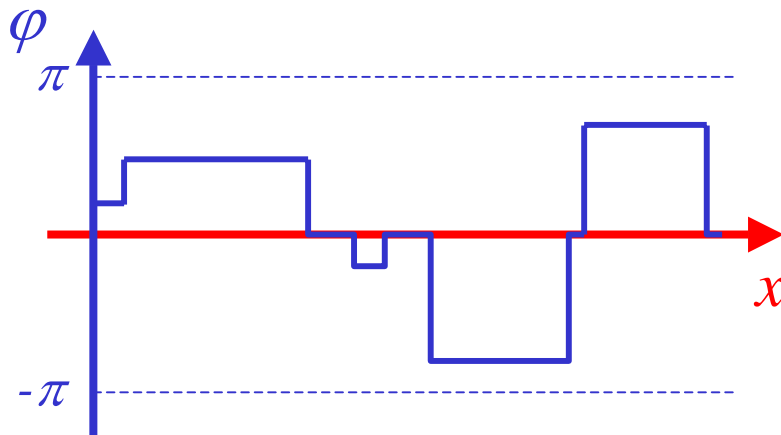
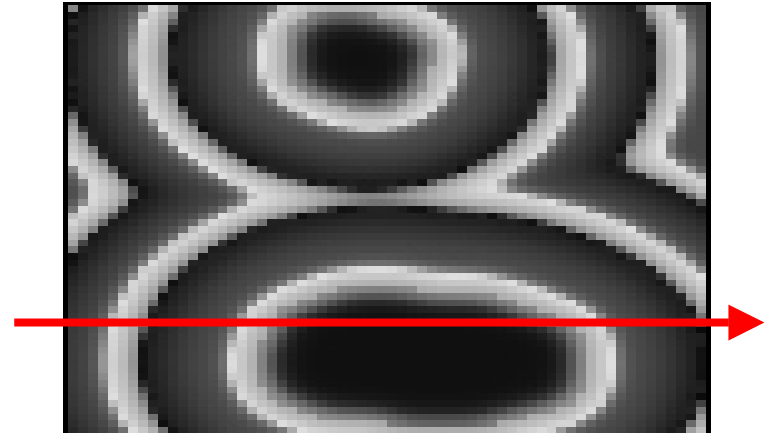
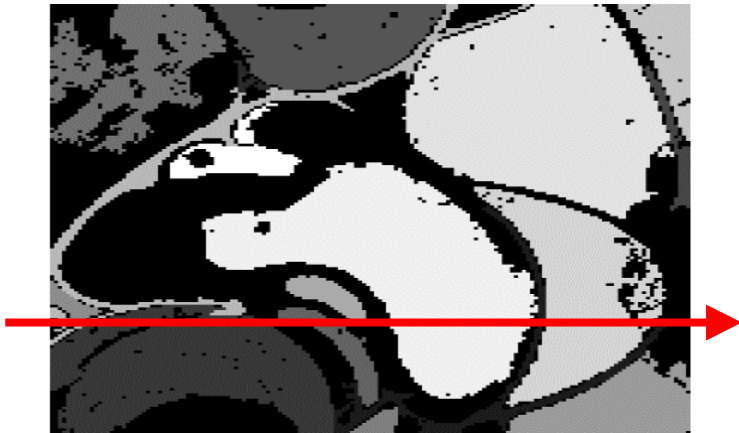
- ✓ a model of segmentation by sync: LEGION (Wang & Tierman)



### 3. Phase Tagging

#### ➤ Traveling waves: positional information

✓ instead of phase plateaus → *phase gradients*



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- Onset of spatiotemporal patterns (STPs)
- Phases as coordinates
- 1-D and 2-D dynamic phase matching

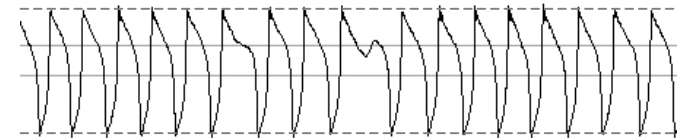
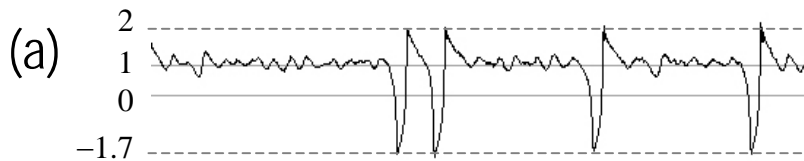
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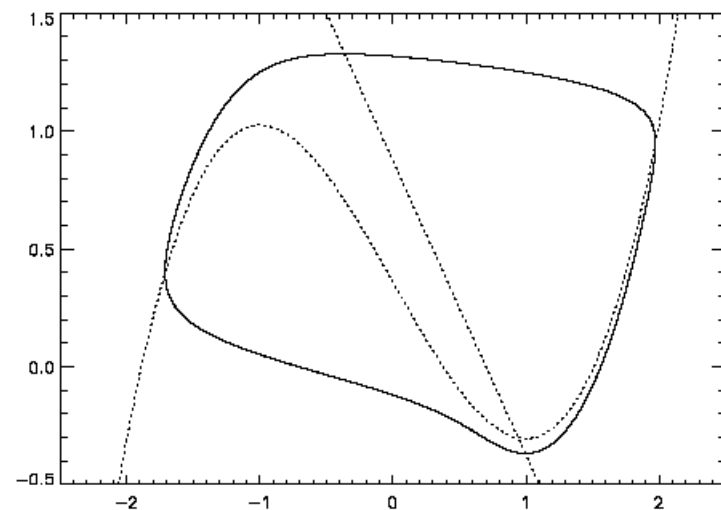
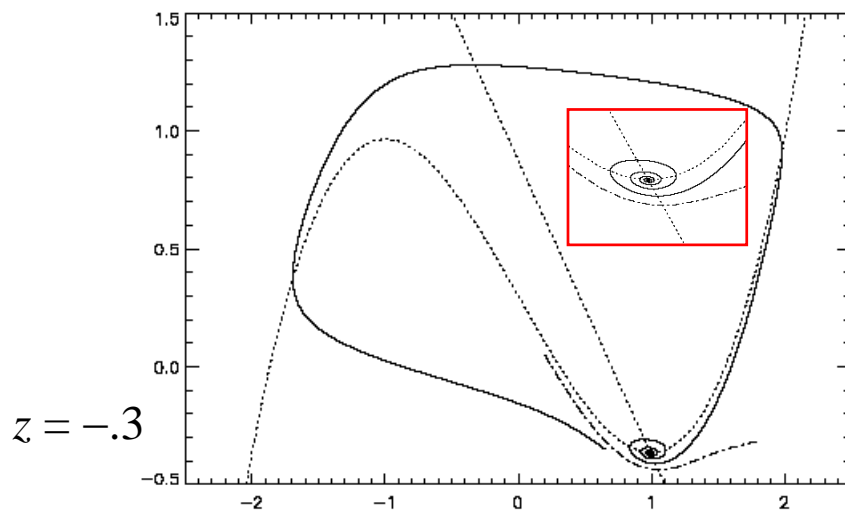
## ➤ Excitable units

- ✓ a Bonhoeffer-van der Pol (BvP) oscillator has two main regimes:
- a) sparse, stochastic → *excitable*
  - b) quasi-periodic → *oscillatory*

$$\begin{cases} \frac{du_i}{dt} = c(u_i - \frac{u_i^3}{3} + v_i + z) + \eta \\ \frac{dv_i}{dt} = \frac{1}{c}(a - u_i - bv_i) + \eta \end{cases}$$



(b)



$z = -.36$

# 4. Dynamic Temporal Matching

## ➤ Delayed coupling

✓ fully connected net of BvP units

✓  $i \leftarrow j$  coupling features:

- proportional to  $u$ -signal difference (only in spiking domain  $u < 0$ )
- positive connection weight  $k_{ij}$
- nonzero transmission delay  $\tau_{ij}$

✓ delays verify a rule of transitivity:

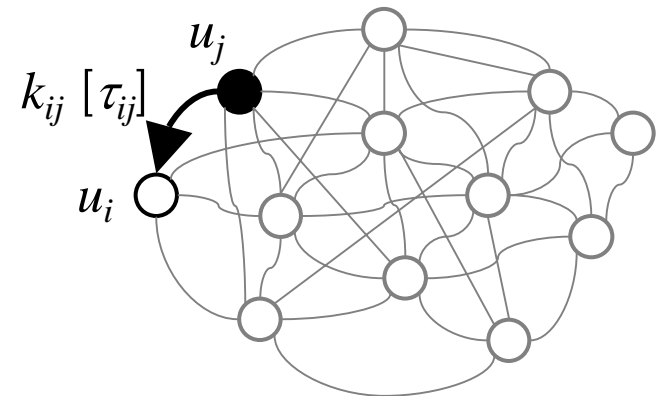
$$\tau_{ij} + \tau_{jk} \cong \tau_{ik} \pmod{T}$$

✓ ...equivalent to per-node times:

$$\Leftrightarrow \tau_{ij} = (\theta_i - \theta_j) \pmod{T}$$

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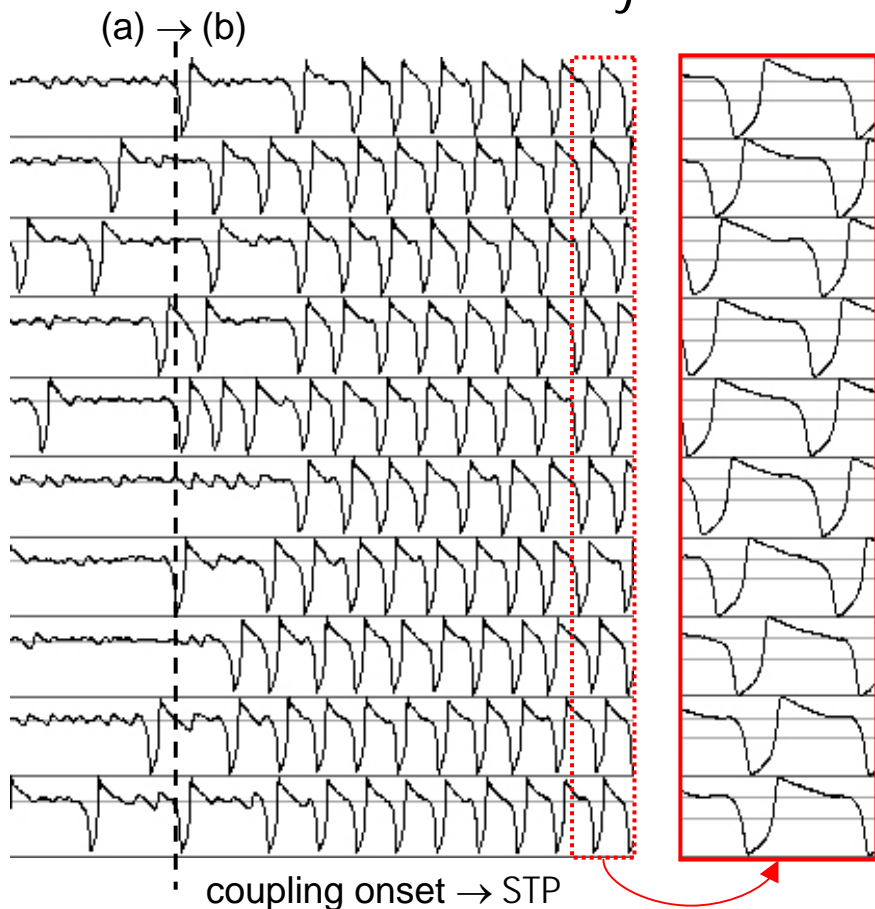
$$K_i(t) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ u_j(t-\tau_{ij}) < 0}}^N k_{ij} (u_j(t-\tau_{ij}) - u_i(t))$$



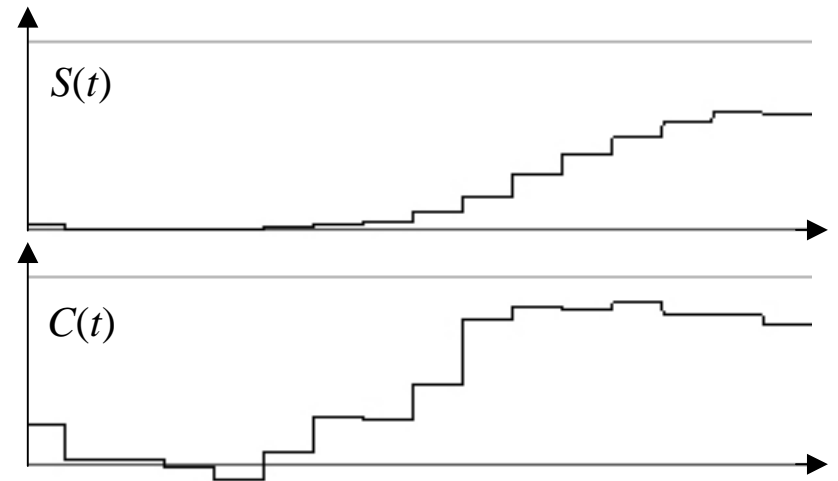
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## ➤ Onset of spatiotemporal patterns (STPs)

- ✓ when coupling is turned on, units transition from regime (a) to (b) and exhibit delayed correlations  $t_i - t_j$  in accordance with  $\tau_{ij}$



$$S(t) = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} \langle u_i(t') u_j(t' - \tau_{ij}) \rangle_{t-T_s}^t$$

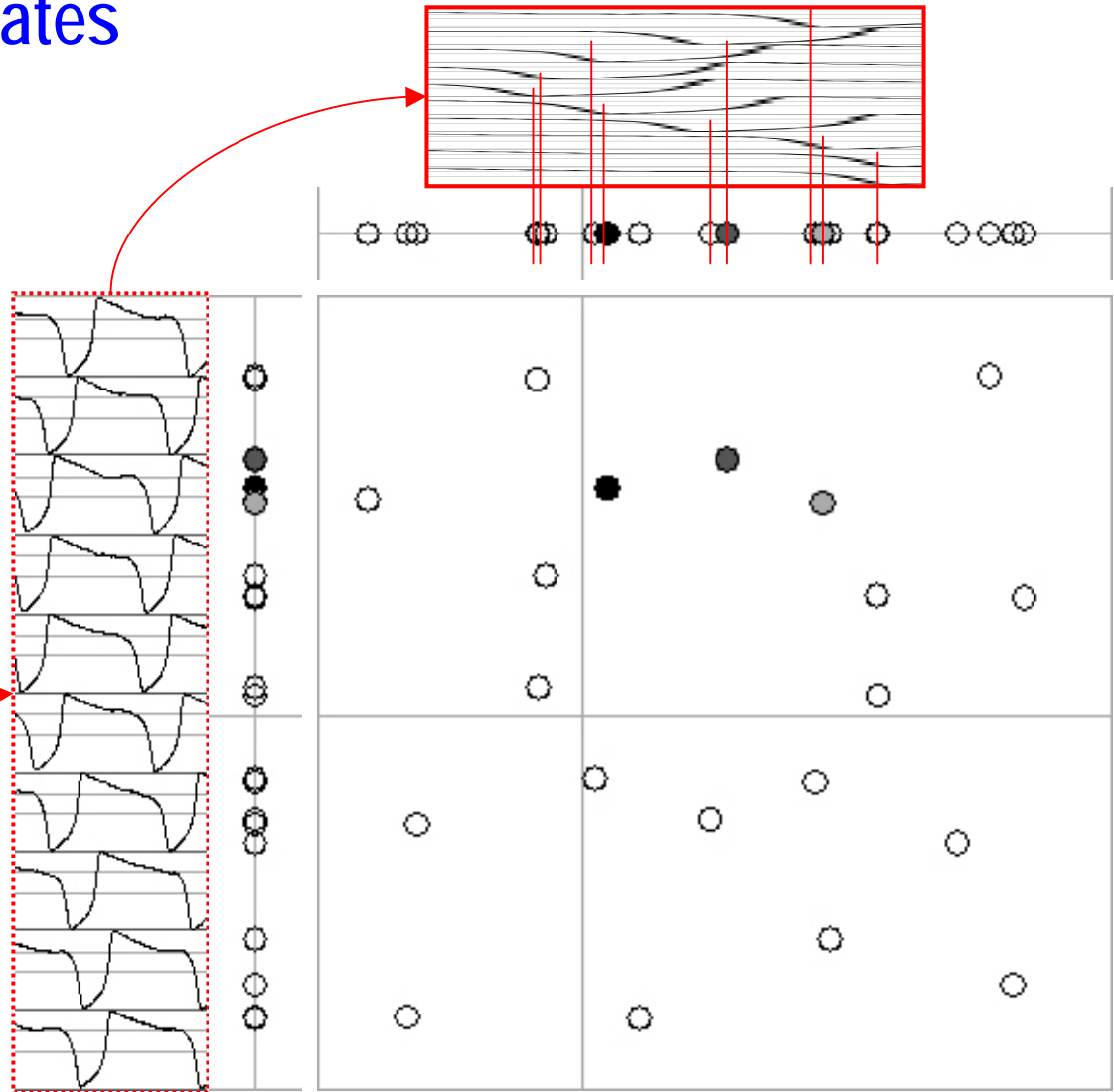
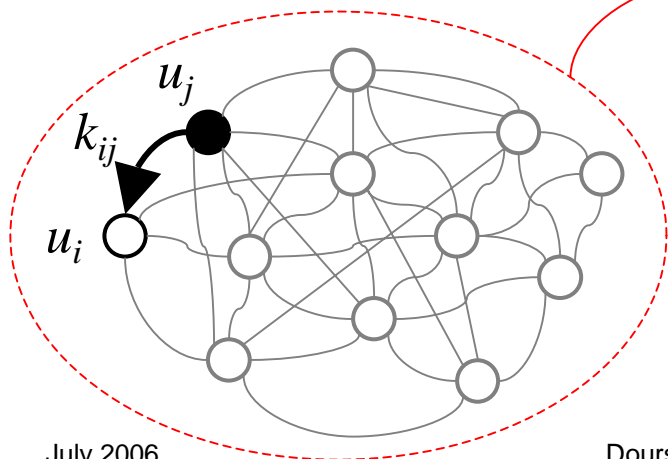


$$C(t) = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{T} (t_i(t) - t_j(t) - \tau_{ij}) \right)$$

# 4. Dynamic Temporal Matching

## ➤ Phases as coordinates

- ✓ individual spike times are taken as coordinates
- ✓ 1 STP can code a 1-D pattern
- 2 STPs can code a 2-D pattern

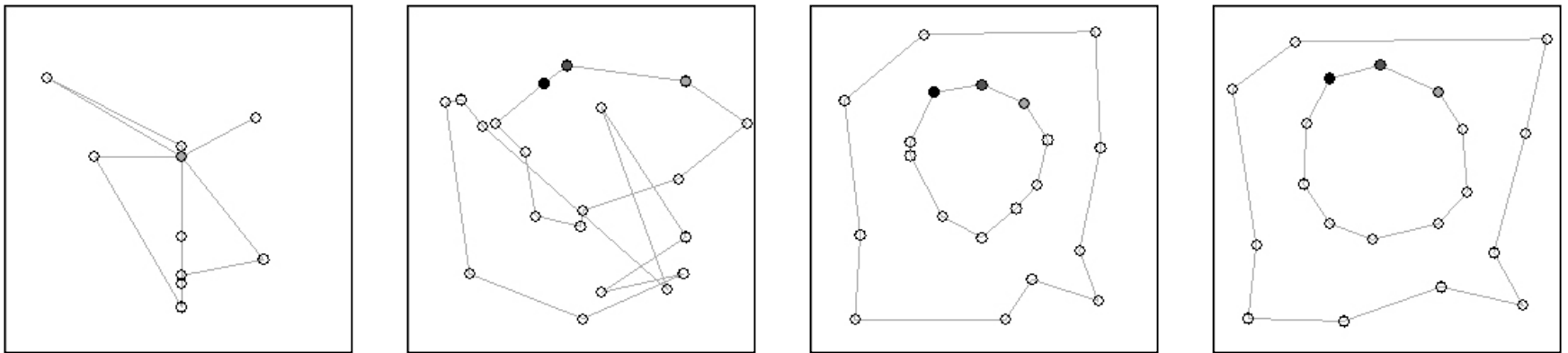




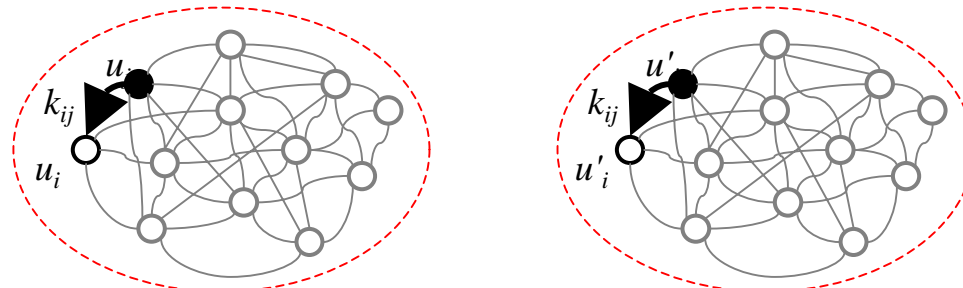
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## ➤ Phases as coordinates

- ✓ the simultaneous onset of a pair of STPs is graphically equivalent to the unfolding of a 2-D constellation of dots



- ✓ note: the two STPs can be on two different networks or they can alternate on the same network (see waves on a lattice in 5.)



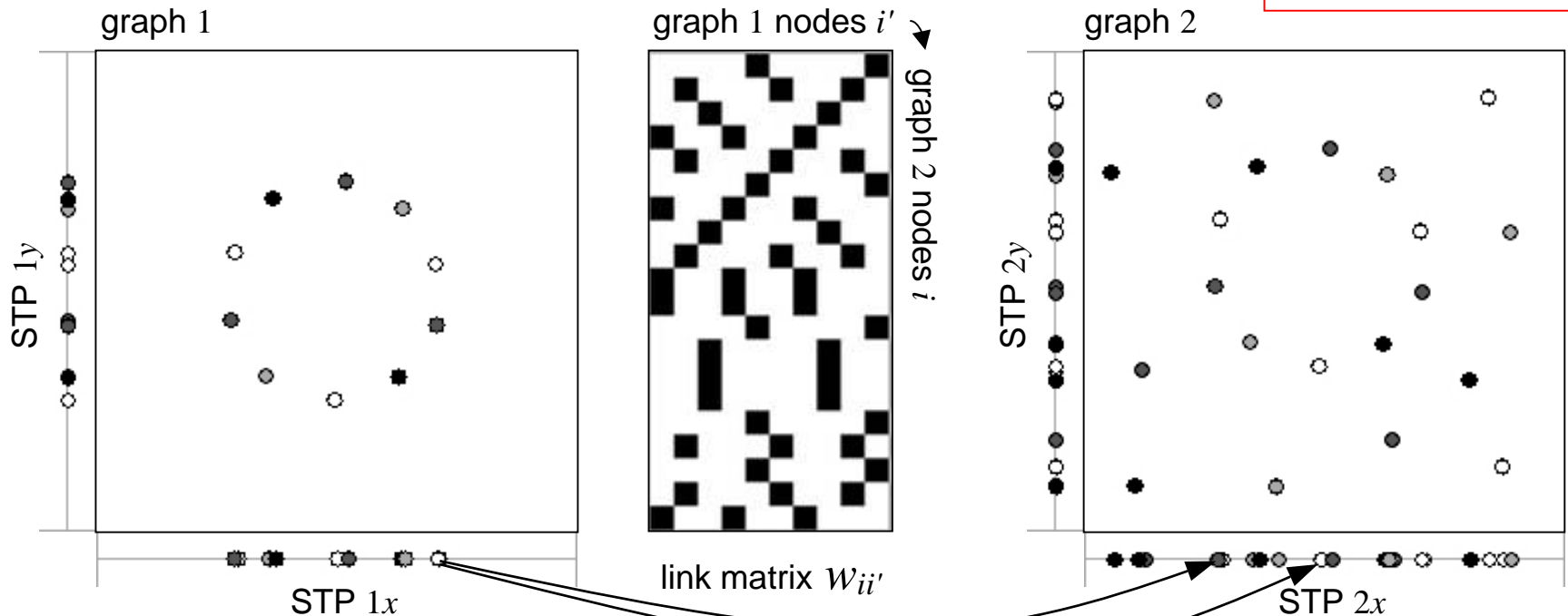
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## ➤ 1-D dynamic phase matching

- ✓ graph matching implemented as dynamical link matching between two pairs of STPs

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$$W_i = \sum w_{ii'}(u_{i'} - u_i)$$



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## ➤ 1-D dynamic phase matching

- ✓ additional coupling term:  $W_i^{Xx}(t) = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ u_{i'}^x(t) < 0}}^N w_{ii'}(t) (u_{i'}^x(t) - u_i^X(t))$
- ✓ where  $w_{ii'}$  varies according to

1. Hebbian-type synaptic plasticity based on temporal correlations

$$\Delta w_{ii'}(t) = \alpha \left( -w_{ii'}(t) + w_0 f(s_{ii'}^{Xx}(0)) \right) \quad \text{with}$$

$$s_{ii'}^{Xx}(0) = \langle u_i^X(t') u_{i'}^x(t') \rangle_{t-T_s}^t \quad \text{and} \quad f(s) = (1 + e^{-\lambda(s-s_0)})^{-1}$$

2. competition: renormalize efferent links

$$w_{ii'} \rightarrow w_{ii'} / \sum_j w_{ji'}$$

3. label-matching constraint

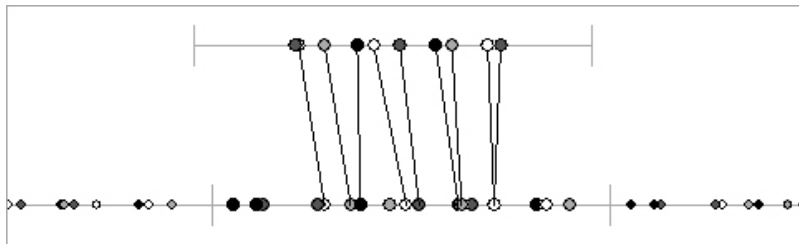
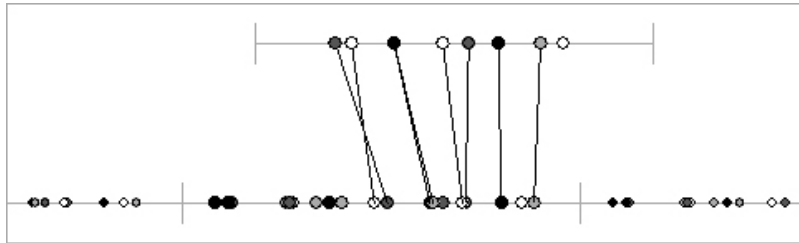
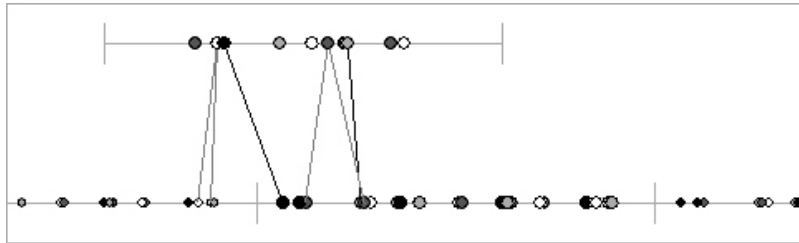


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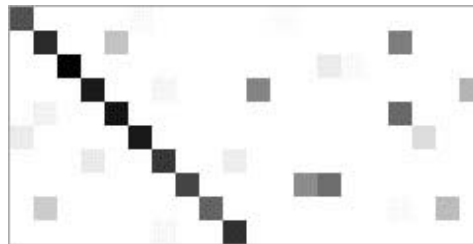
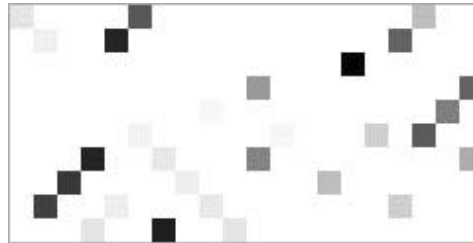
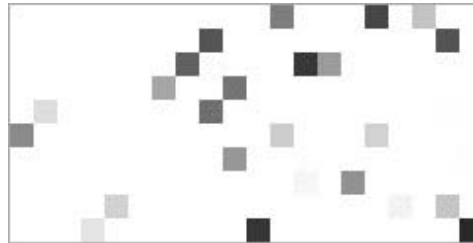
## ➤ 1-D dynamic phase matching

- ✓ labels and positions not constraining enough in 1-D: several possible partial matches (local minima)

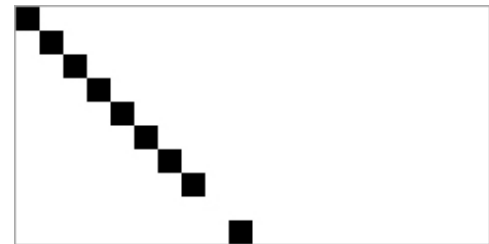
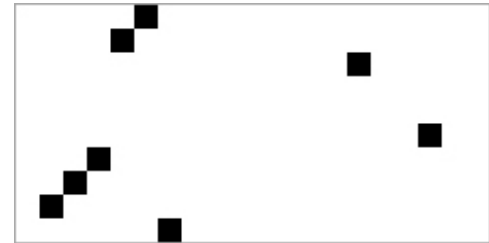
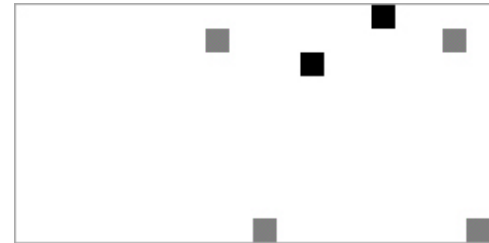
1→2 dynamical mapping



1→2 correlations



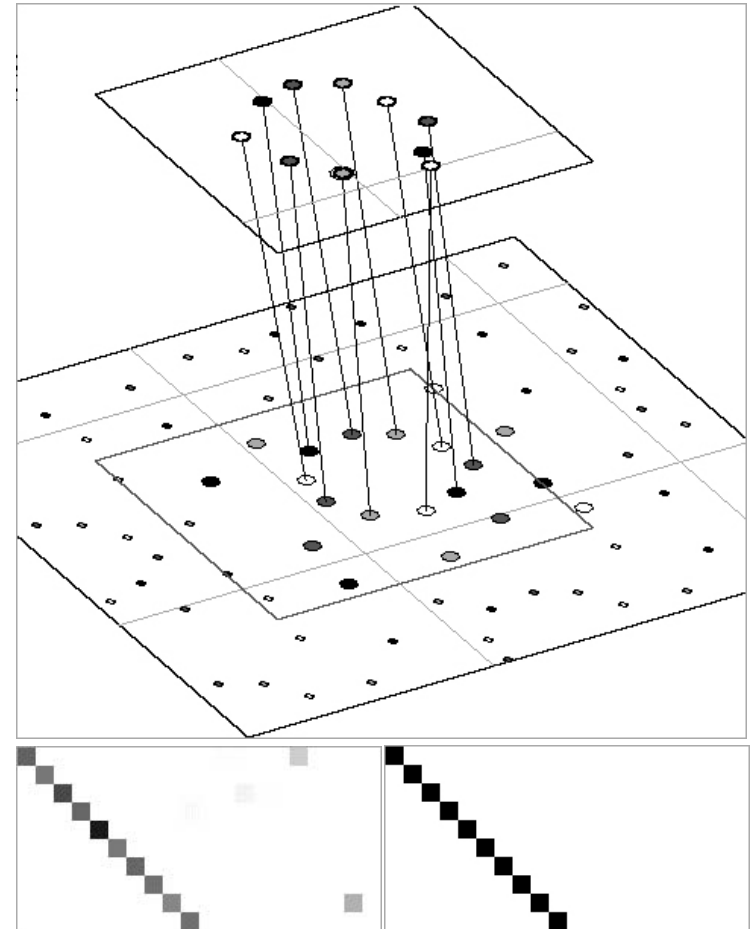
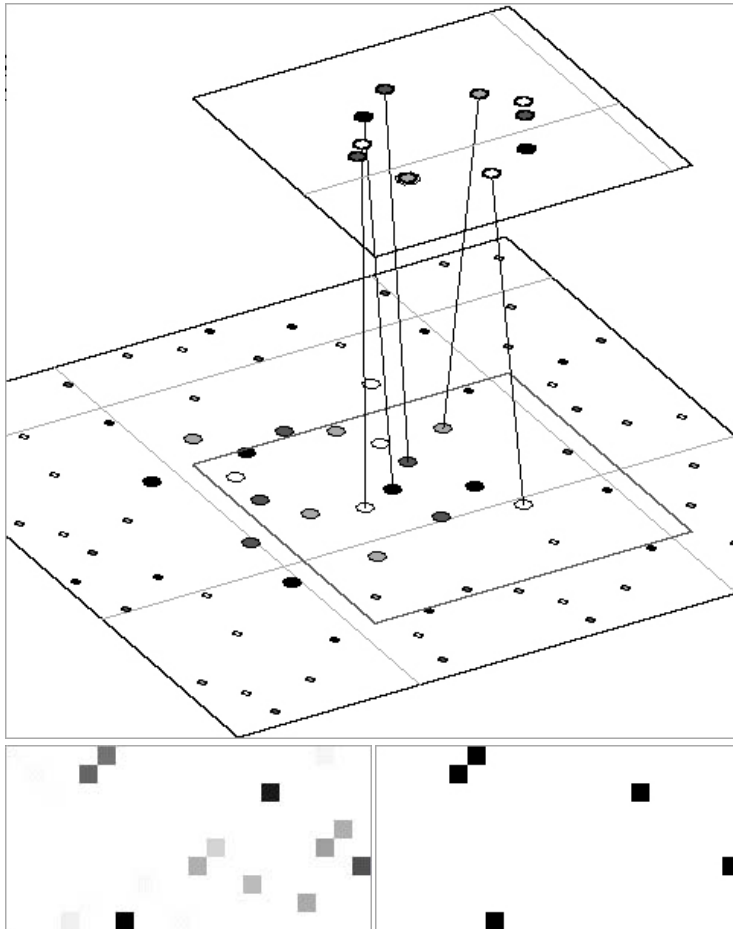
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## ➤ 2-D dynamic phase matching

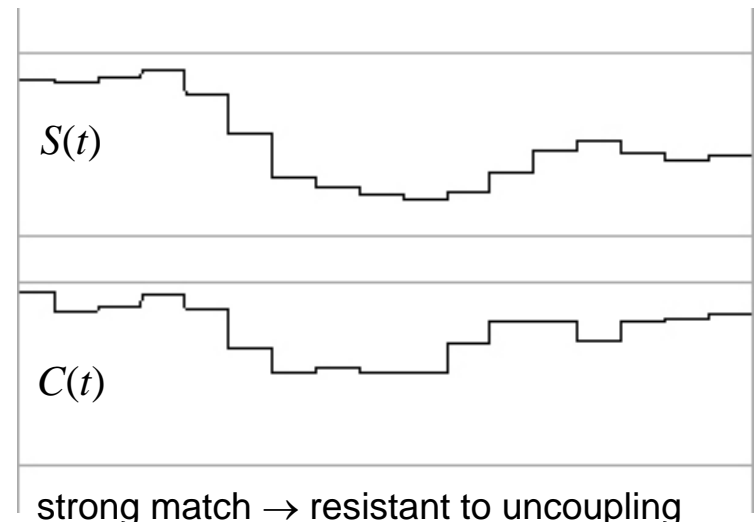
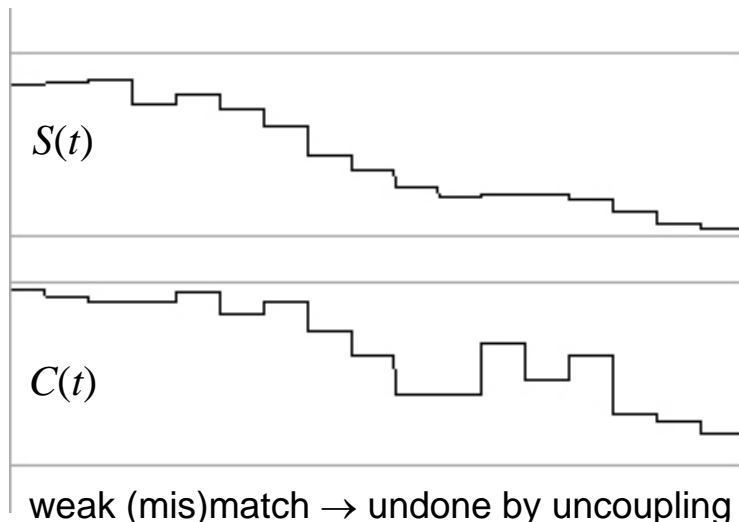
- ✓ Hebbian rule in 2-D:  $\Delta w_{ii'}(t) = \alpha \left( -w_{ii'}(t) + w_0 f \left( \sqrt{s_{ii'}^{Xx}(0) s_{ii'}^{Yy}(0)} \right) \right)$



## 4. Dynamic Temporal Matching

### ➤ 2-D dynamic phase matching

- ✓ labels and positions more constraining in 2-D: less ambiguities
- ✓ however, to definitely find the best match (global minimum), we regularly drop and raise coupling strength within graph 2 layer
  - if match is weak, this will perturb STP 2 and undo matching links
  - if match is strong, this will not perturb STP 2 because it will be sustained by matching links → *resonance* between links and STPs



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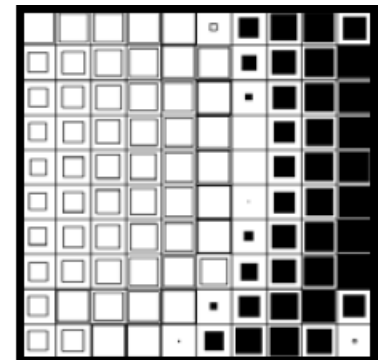
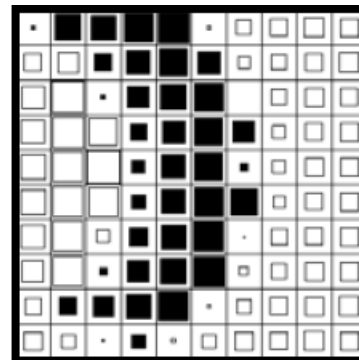
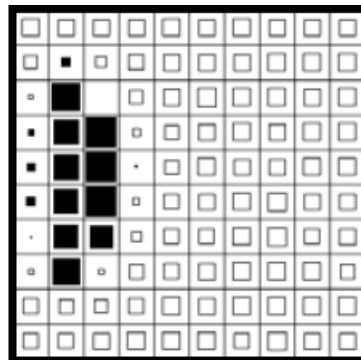
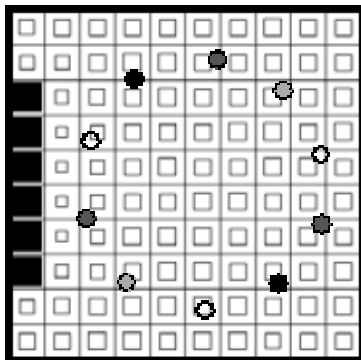
5. Lattice Wave Induction

- Traveling waves
- Wave induction
- Dynamic wave mapping
- Phase matching / elastic matching equivalence

# 5. Lattice Wave Induction

## ➤ Traveling waves

- ✓ a constellation of dots can be a subset of a larger medium, analogous to a group of buoys on the water surface
- *STP as a subset of a traveling wave on a lattice*
- ✓ instead of fully connected, transitive delays: *locally connected, uniform delays*

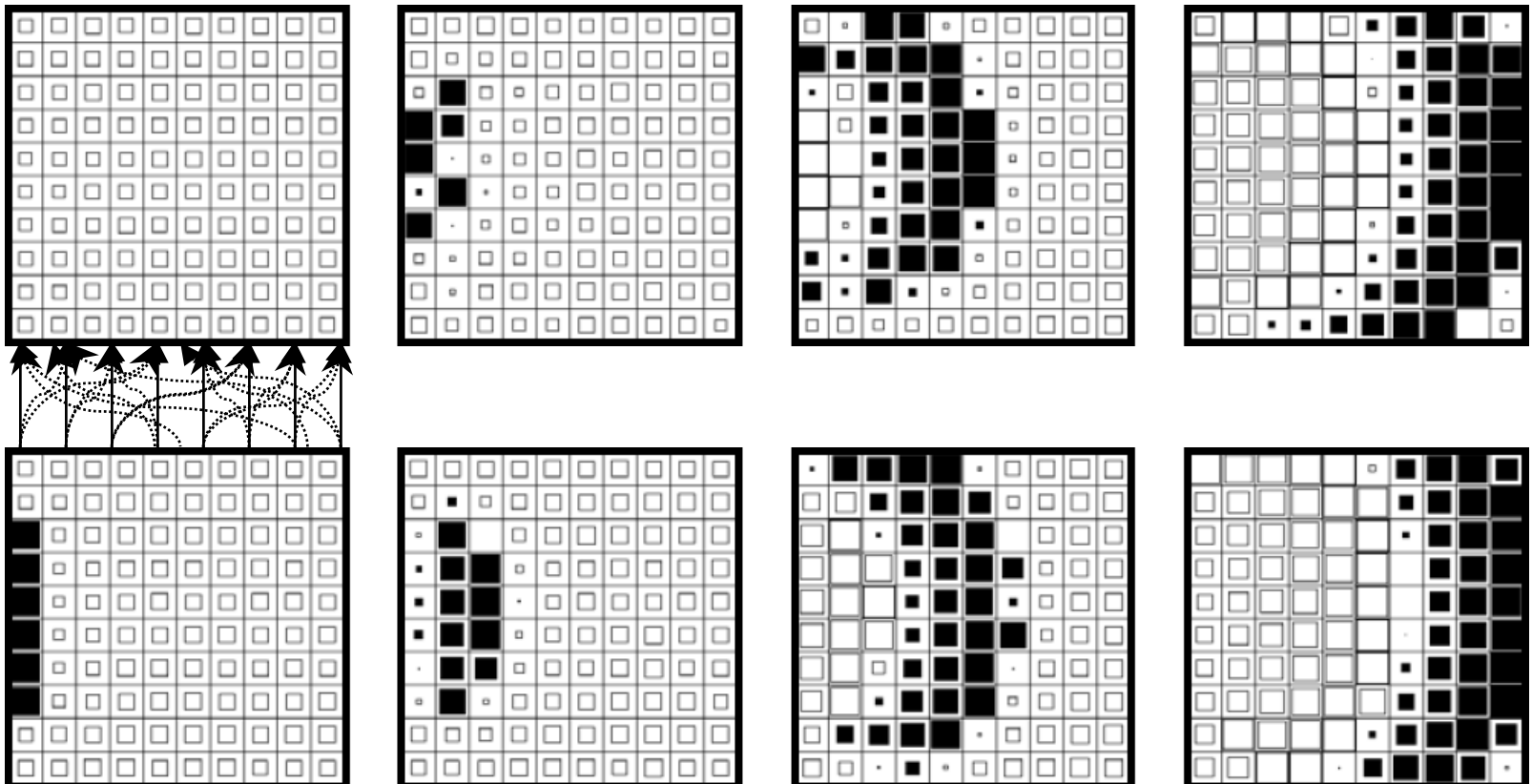




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## ➤ Wave induction

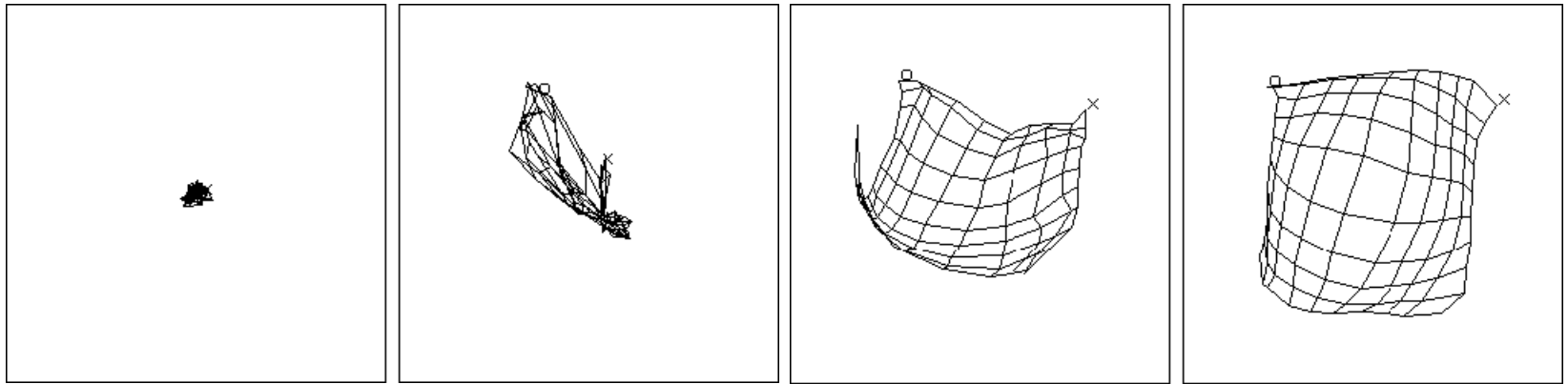
- ✓ through mapping links, a traveling wave on one layer can induce a wave on the other layer; all directions are possible



# 5. Lattice Wave Induction

## ➤ Dynamic wave mapping

- ✓ lattice wave induction is graphically equivalent to the unfolding of a 2-D mesh
- *elastic matching fashion*
- ✓ each graphical point corresponds to a neighborhood average of destination phases, compounded by efferent mapping weights

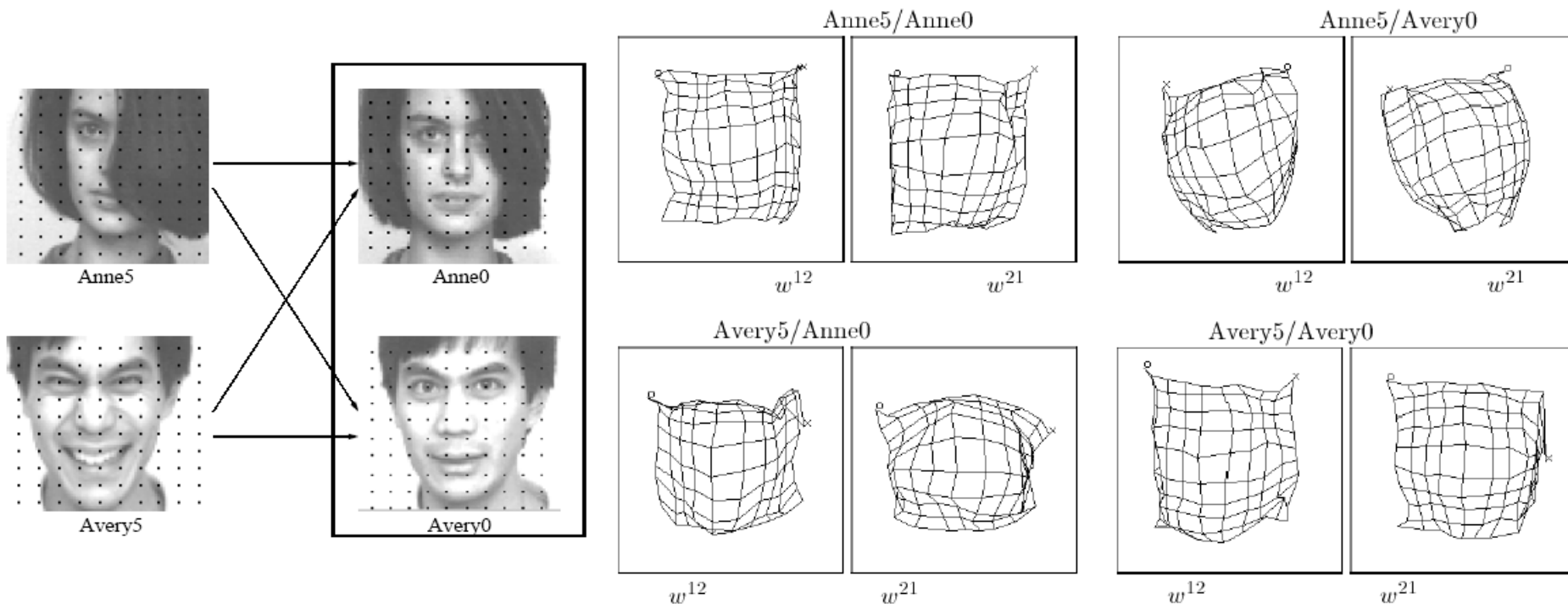


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## ➤ Dynamic wave mapping

- ✓ ex: application to face recognition
- ✓ labels are Gabor-filter "jets"



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# 5. Lattice Wave Induction

## ➤ Phase matching / elastic matching equivalence

- ✓ similarity between Kuramoto's phase equation and elastic matching
  - Kuramoto: phases attract each other, trying to minimize discrepancy with given delay (generally through sine function)

$$\frac{d\varphi_i}{dt} = \sum_j k_{ij} \Gamma(\varphi_j - \varphi_i - \omega\tau_{ij}) + g_i(t)$$

- elastic matching: link destinations attract each other, trying to minimize discrepancy with given rigid length

$$E = \frac{1}{2} k_0 \sum_{i,j} || \vec{r}_i - \vec{r}_j - (\vec{r}_i^0 - \vec{r}_j^0) ||^2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{d\vec{r}_i}{dt} = \epsilon k_0 \sum_j (\vec{r}_j - \vec{r}_i - (\vec{r}_j^0 - \vec{r}_i^0))$$

# Pattern Recognition by Wave-Matching

1. Active Perception
2. Graph Matching
3. Phase Tagging
4. Dynamic Temporal Matching
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