



# The Role of Topology in collective behavior of excitable networks driven by noise

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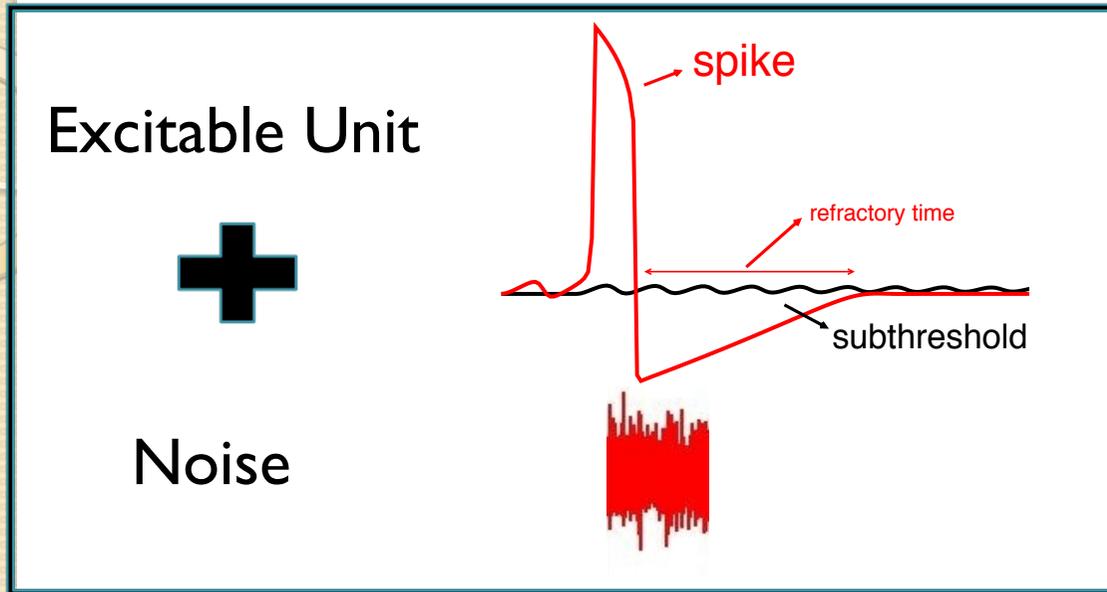
- ✓ In this work we don't analyze networks.
- ✓ We analyze what happen when certain dynamical units are connected with different networks topologies
- ✓ Input: Excitable dynamics + noise + complex networks
- ✓ Output: Collective behaviors such as Synchronization & Array Enhance Coherence Resonance.



# Summary

- ✓ Stochastic Coherence & Synchronization in complex networks
- ✓ The model: Dynamical units & connectivity networks
- ✓ Results
- ✓ Conclusions

# Stochastic Coherence



Coefficient of Variation

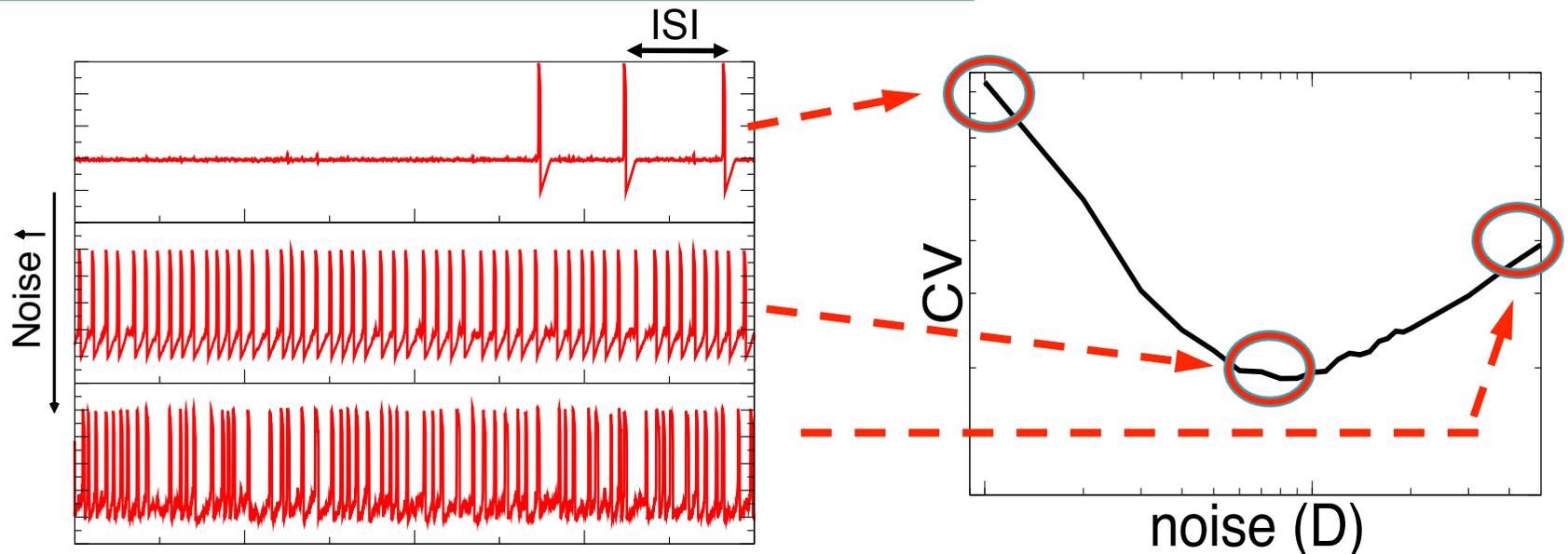
Quantifier of regular spiking

$$\langle CV \rangle = \frac{\langle \sigma_{t_{ISI}} \rangle}{\langle t_{ISI} \rangle}$$

Low

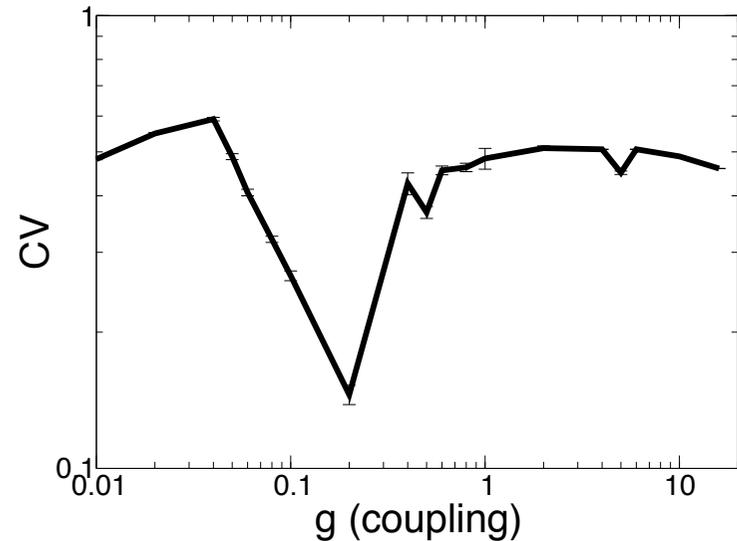
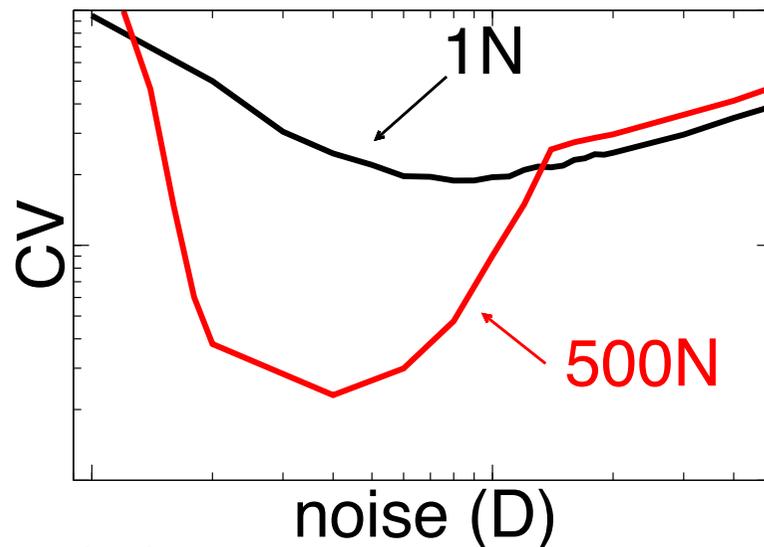
Optimal

High



A.Pikovsky & J.Kurths, *PRL* 78, 775 (1997).

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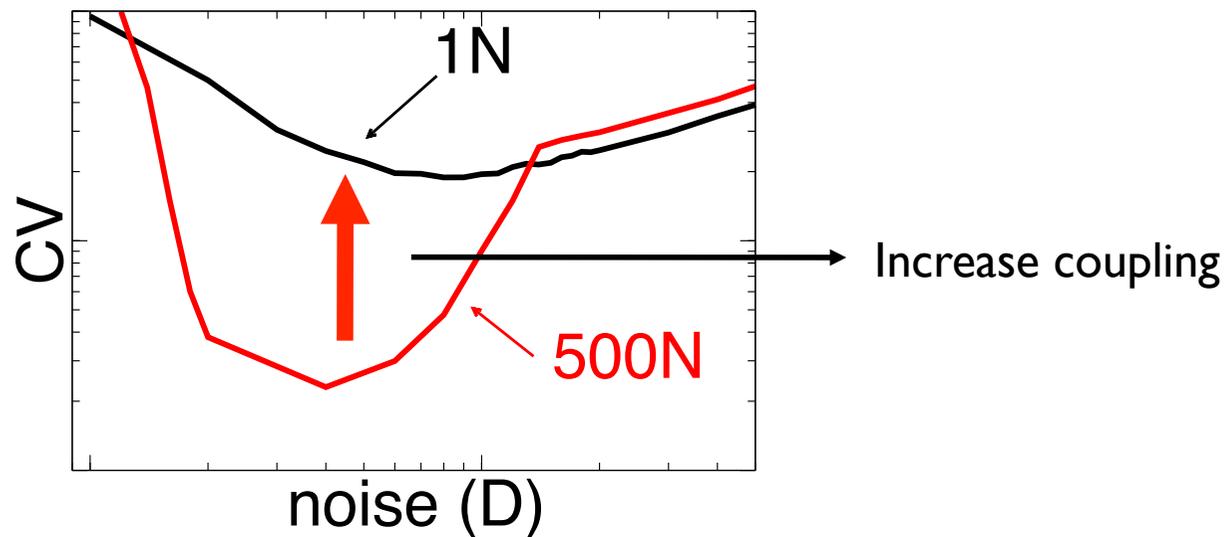
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# Synchronization affects AESC

✓ Coupling favours Stochastic Coherence because dynamical units are not fully synchronized

✓ If  $x_i(t) = x_s(t), \forall i = 1, N, \forall t \rightarrow CV(N \text{ exc. elem}) = CV(1 \text{ exc. elem})$



Synchronization also affects other collective properties driven by noise

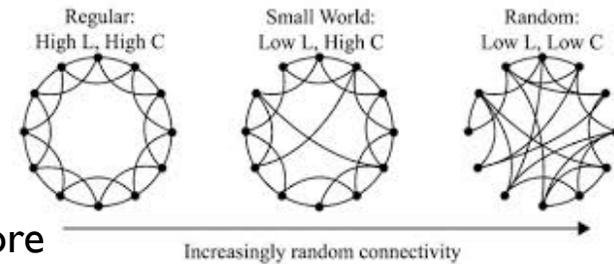
- ✓ Full synchronization has a negative effect in Global Amplification (Acebron et al, 2007).
- ✓ Diffusive coupling (DC) vs Chemical Synapse (ChS, only couples during spiking): ChS shows better AECR than DC, but synchro is worst (Balenzuela & Ojalvo, 2005).
- ✓ Stochastic Resonance (SR) in weakly paced SFN is weaker when coupling increases (M. Perc 2008).

# Synchronization on Complex Networks

- M. Barahona & L.M. Pecora, PRL (2002)

Synchronization in Watts-Strogatz Small World networks via Master Stability Function Analysis.

- ✓ The addition of shortcuts produces synchronizability more efficiently than deterministic & random graph
- ✓ However, the SW property does not guaranty synchronization



- T. Nishikawa, A.E. Motter et al, PRL (2003)

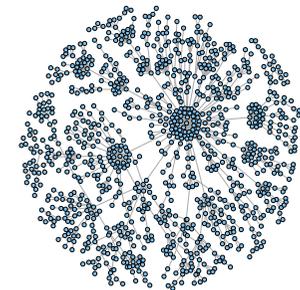
They study the role of heterogeneity in synchronization via Master Stability Function Analysis in a semirandom model of SF networks  $[P(k) \sim k^{-\gamma}]$ .

- ✓ The more heterogeneous  $\rightarrow$  the less synchronizable,  
Paradox of Heterogeneity

- ✓ Heuristic:

Hubs tend to be overloaded by the traffic of communications.

Networks with few links concentrating lot of traffic  $\rightarrow$  Less Synchronizable



# Improving synchronization on Complex Networks

Synchronization in Networks with heterogeneous degree distribution could be improved if links are properly weighted

**Binary undirected network**

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = f(x_i) - \sigma \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} [h(x_i) - h(x_j)]$$



**Weighted directed networks**

$$\frac{dx_i}{dt} = f(x_i) - \sigma \sum_{j=1}^N G_{ij} [h(x_i) - h(x_j)]$$

(Local) Weighted by its degree

• A. E. Motter, C. Zou & J. Kurths, PRE (2005)

$$G_{ij} = \frac{1}{k_i} A_{ij}$$

(Global) Weighted by its load ( $l_{ij}$ )

• M. Chavez, S. Boccaletti et al, PRL (2005)

$$G_{ij} = \frac{l_{ij}^\alpha}{\sum_{j \in K_i} l_{ij}^\alpha} A_{ij}$$

$A_{ij}$  = Adjacency Matrix

Load=betweenness: measure the traffic of each link

# Array Enhanced Stochastic Coherence & Synchronization

- ✓ Are they really incompatible phenomena?
- ✓ Does it exist a network architecture showing strong synchronizability and high levels of stochastic coherence?

We analyze excitable dynamical units on  
Weighted (by its load)  
Scale Free Networks (WSFN).

# Dynamical Model

## FitzHugh-Nagumo Model

$$\varepsilon \frac{dx_i}{dt} = x_i - \frac{x_i^3}{3} - y_i + I_i,$$

$$\frac{dy_i}{dt} = x_i + a + D\xi_i(t).$$

If  $|a| > 1$  solution has a only fixed point.

If  $|a| < 1$  solution is a limit cycle.

When  $|a|$  slightly greater than 1  $\rightarrow$  excitable.

We use  $\varepsilon=0.01$   $\gamma a=1.05$

## Coupling

$$I_i = g \sum_{j=1}^N n_{ij} (x_j - x_i)$$

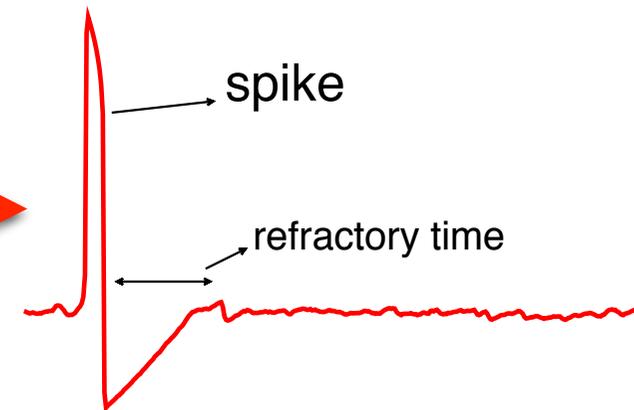
$n_{ij} > 0$  if  $i$  and  $j$  connected

$n_{ij} = 0$  otherwise

## White Noise

$$\langle \xi(t) \rangle = 0,$$

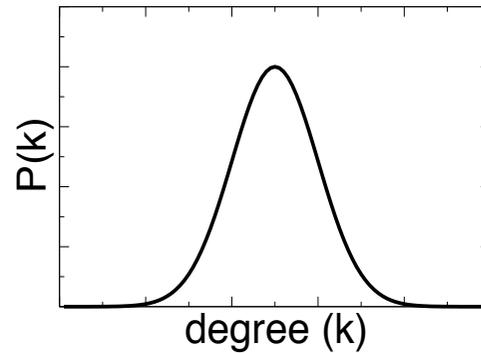
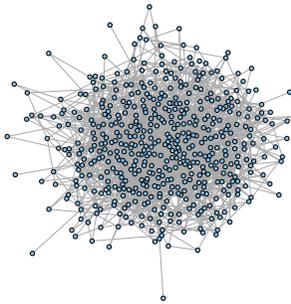
$$\langle \xi(t)\xi(t') \rangle = \delta(t - t')$$



$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \sum_{i,j} n_{ij} = 2M \text{ always} \\ M = \# \text{ of links} \end{array} \right]$$

# Connectivity Networks

## Random Erdos-Renyi Networks



$$P(k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

$n_{ij} = 1$  for all connected pairs

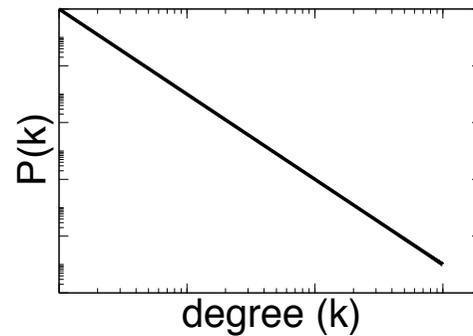
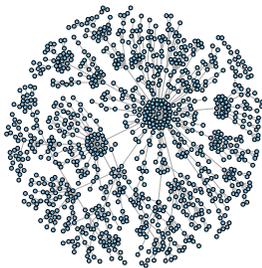
## Scale Free Networks (Barabasi-Albert Model)

UnWeighted

Weighted

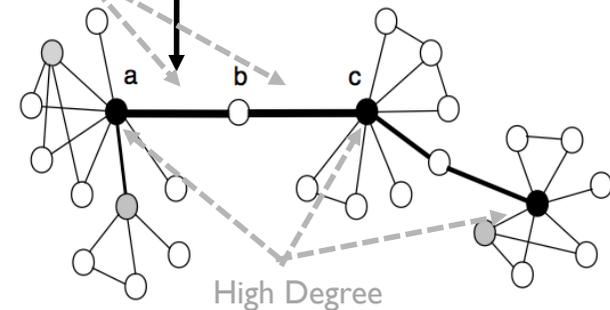
$n_{ij} = 1$  for all connected pairs

$$n_{ij} = \frac{l_{ij}}{\sum_{k \in K_i} l_{ik}} \longrightarrow \text{load}$$



$$P(k) = Ak^{-\gamma}$$

High Load

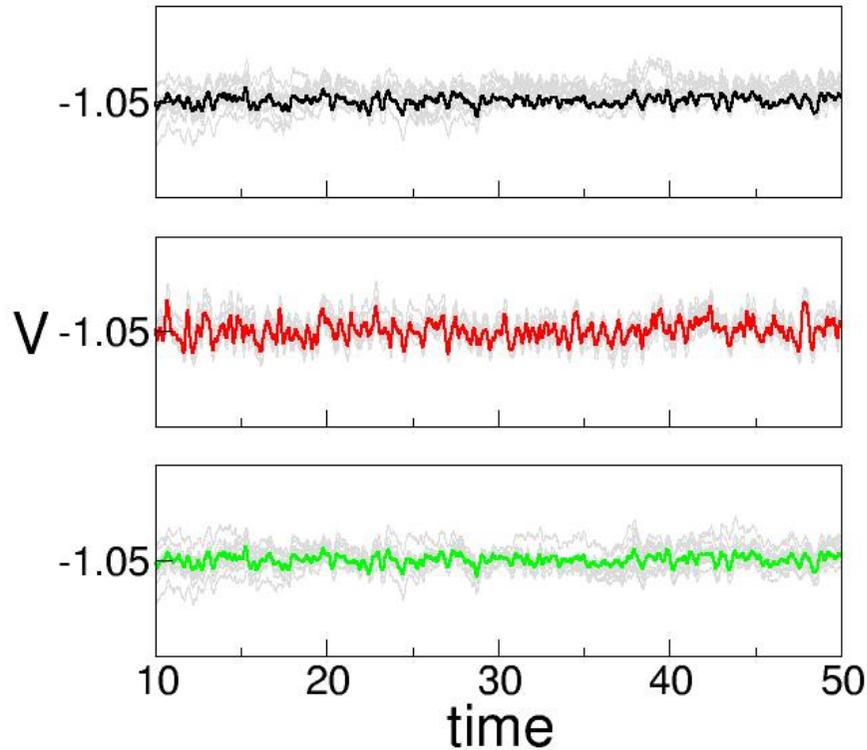




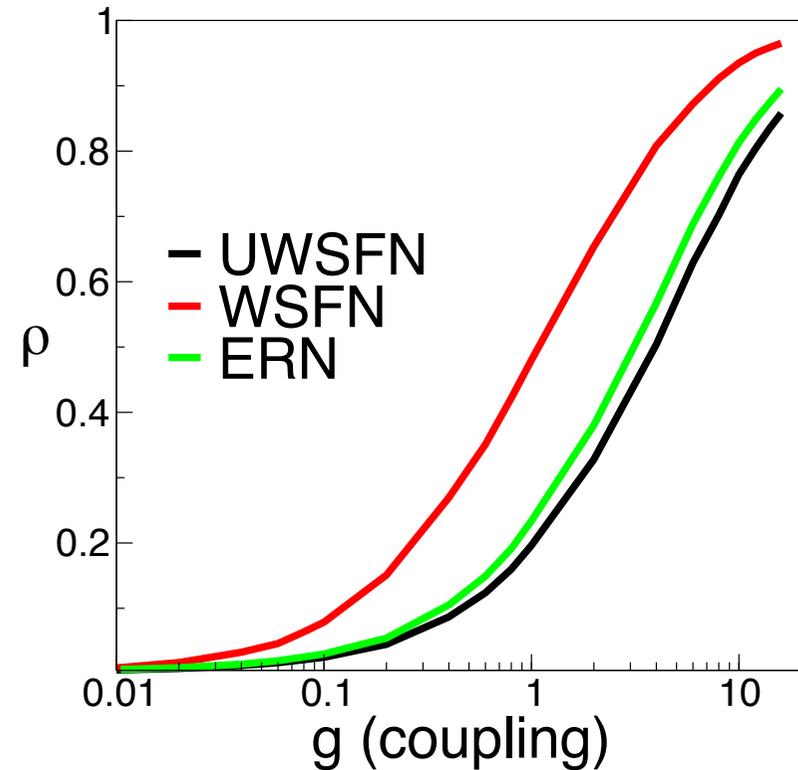
# *Results*

# Synchronization in the subthreshold regime

Time series ( $g=1$ )



Synchronization ( $\rho$ )



Synchronization at a glance:

Amplitude of Averaged signal is

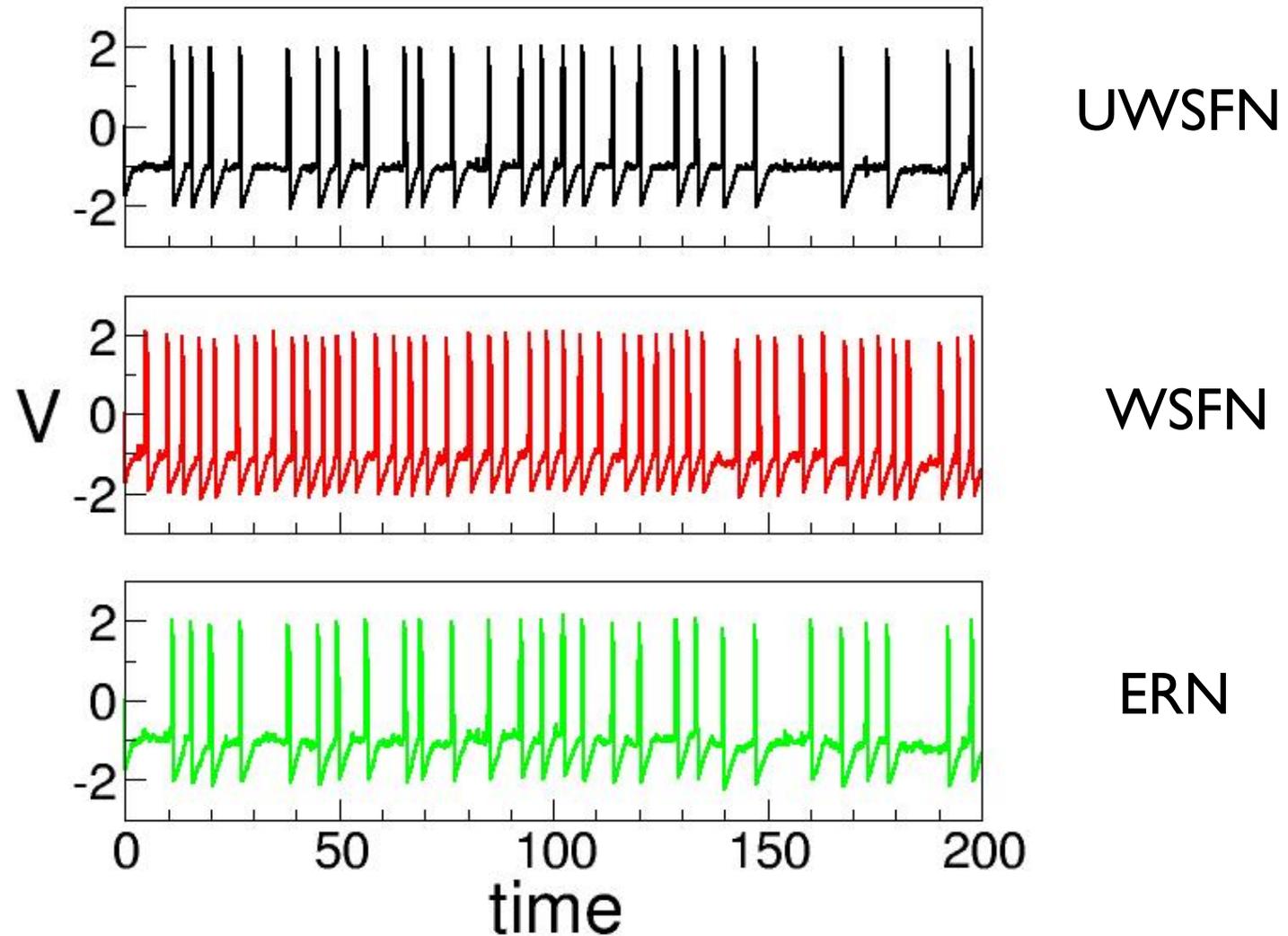
Maximal at WSFN

$$\rho = \frac{\langle \overline{v_i^2} \rangle - \langle \overline{v_i} \rangle^2}{\langle v_i^2 \rangle - \langle v_i \rangle^2}$$

**Weighted Networks Synchronize better!**

# Stochastic Coherence

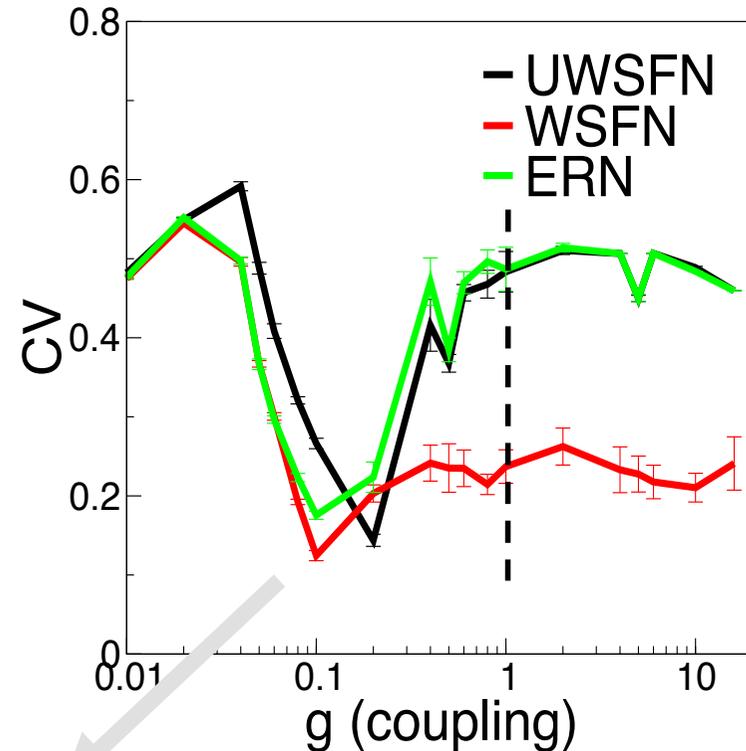
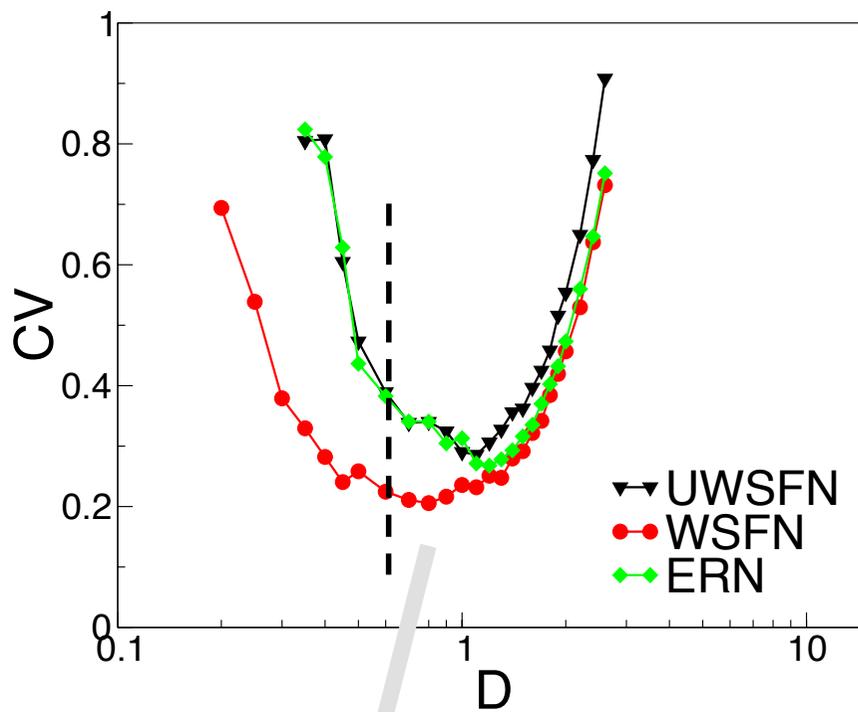
Time series ( $g=1, D=0.5$ )



Weighted Networks spike more regularly!

# Stochastic Coherence

Spiking Regularity: Minimum of CV

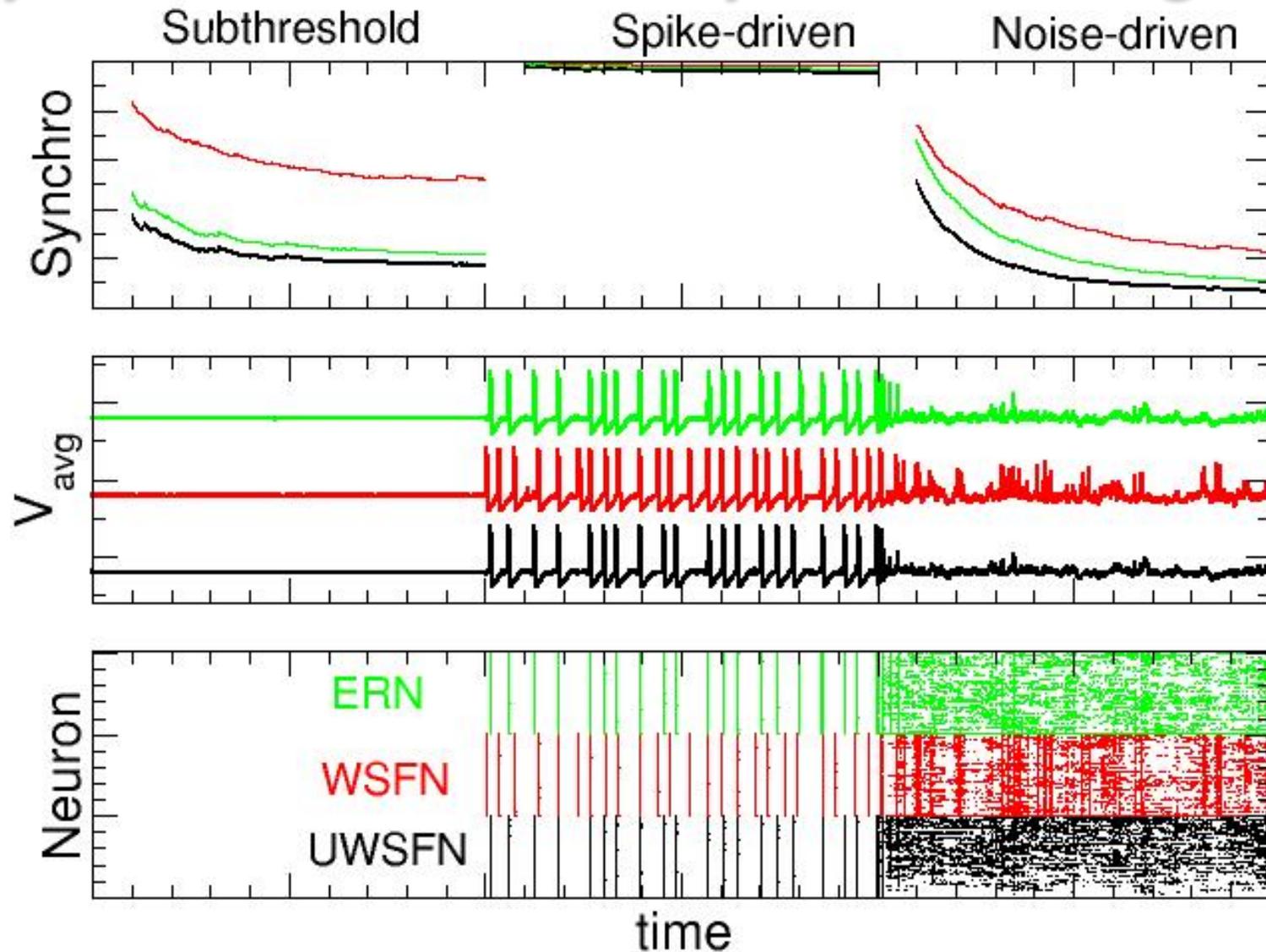


Minimum of CV at intermediate coupling  
and noise strenght:  
Array Enhanced Coherence Resonance  
AECR

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**Weighted Networks show better SC !**

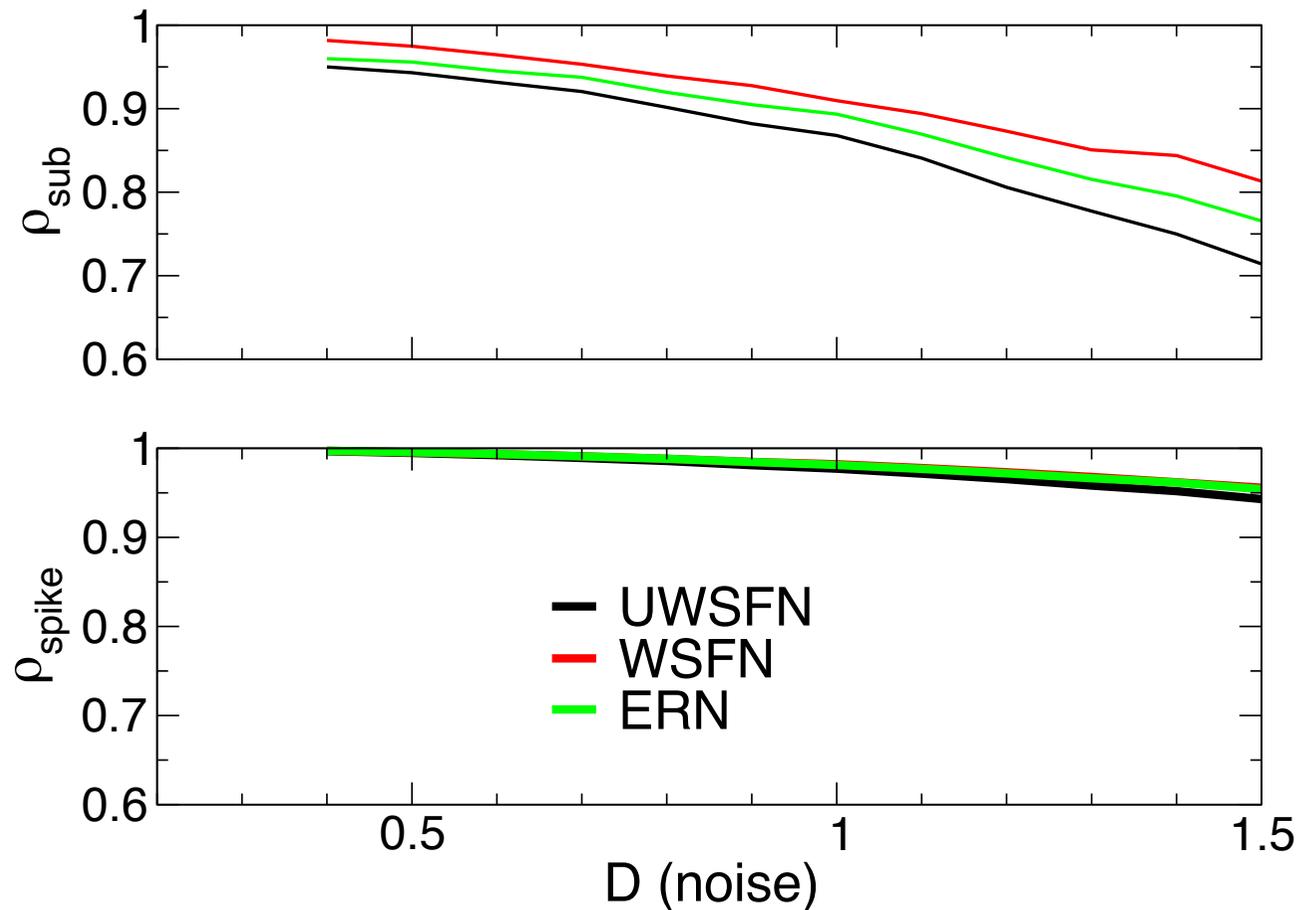
# Synchro & SC in 3 Dynamical Regimes



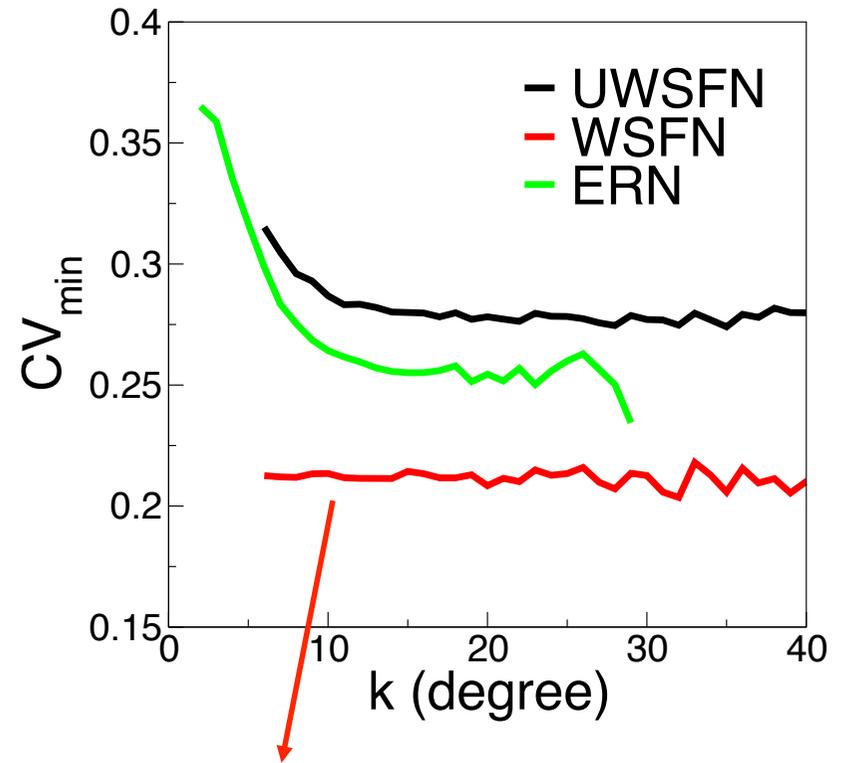
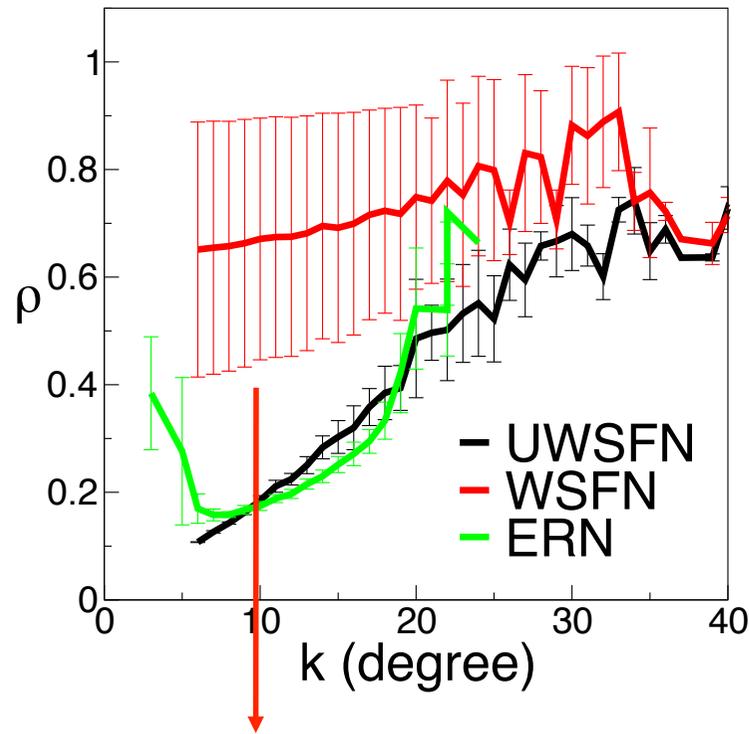
What happen with Synchronization in spiking regime?

# Spike and Subthreshold Synchronization

- ✓ Time series: Spike signal + subthreshold signal
- ✓ We separate spike and subthreshold dynamics contributions to synchronization



# Synchronization & SC vs degree



✓ Weighting behavior balance the heterogeneity of the SF networks



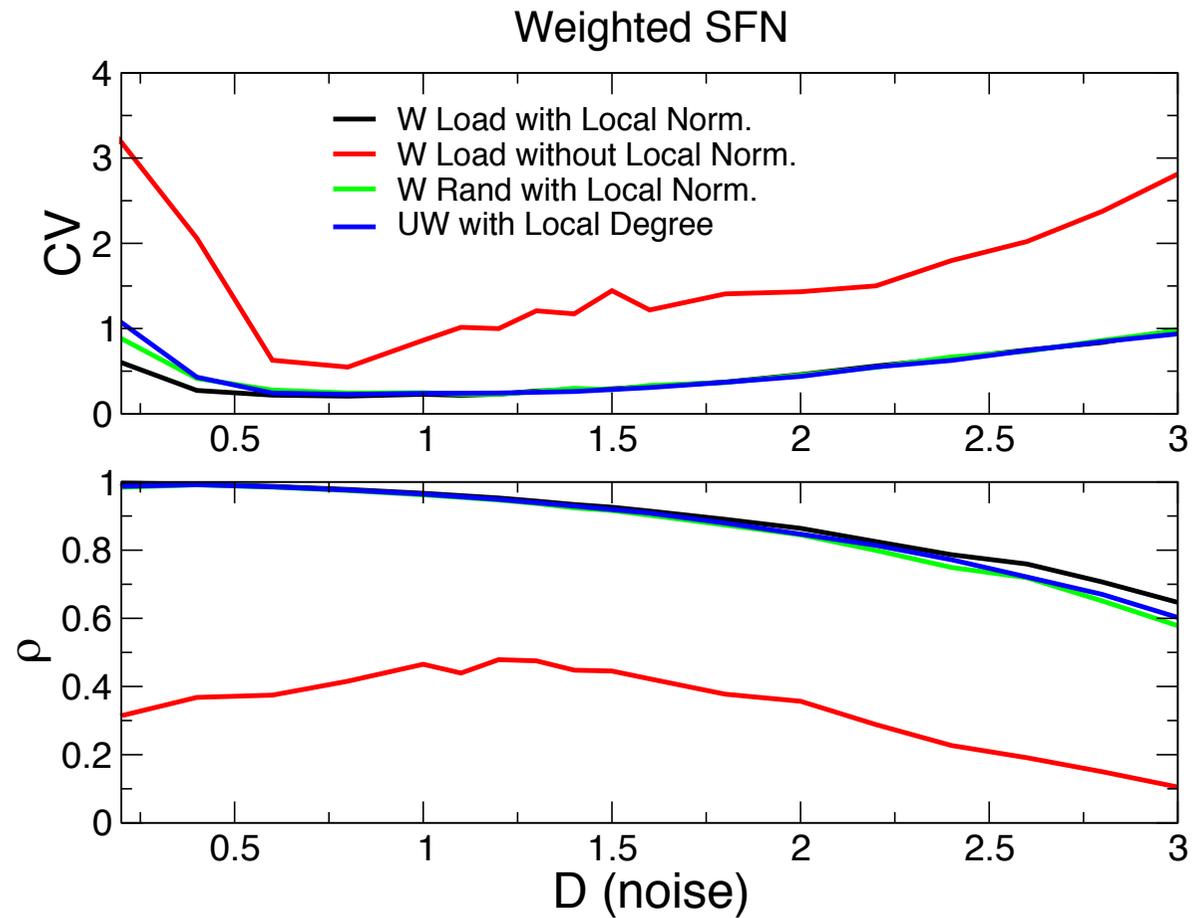
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- ✓ Synchronization and Stochastic Coherence seems not to be compatible phenomena.
- ✓ We show that both collective behaviors can be found together in Weighted Scale Free Networks
- ✓ The weighting procedure balance the intrinsic heterogeneity of the SFN giving optimal conditions for synchronization as well as Stochastic Coherence

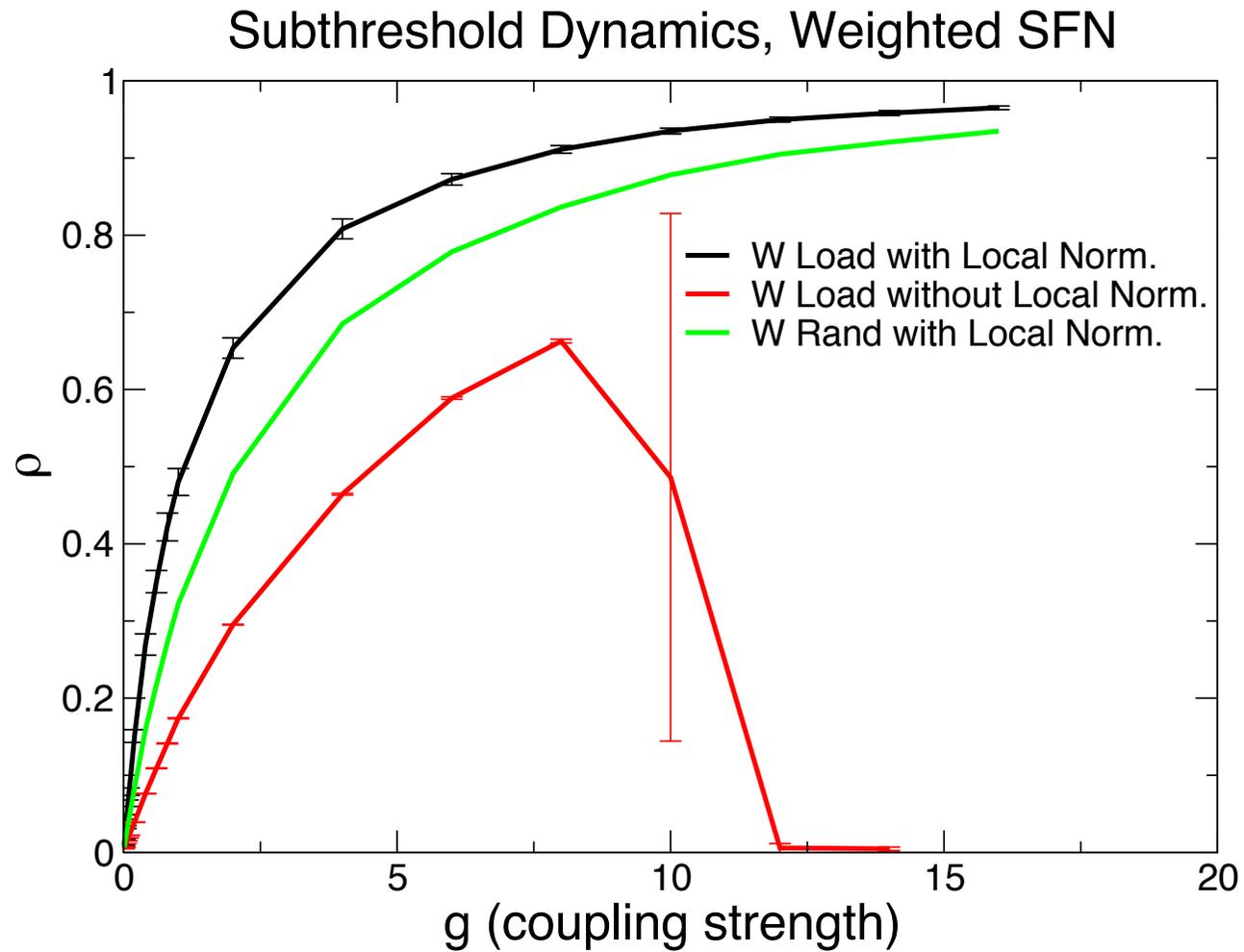
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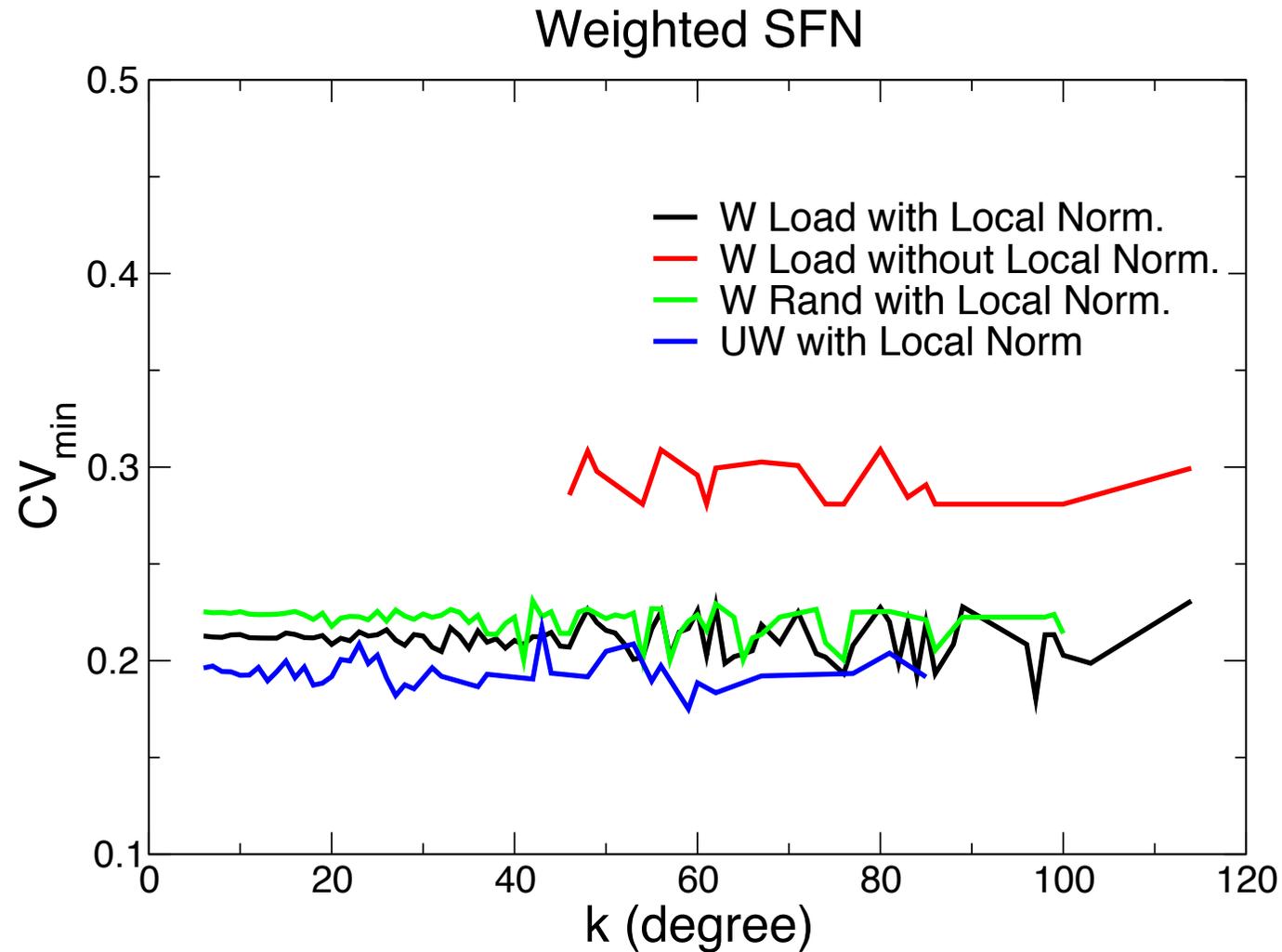
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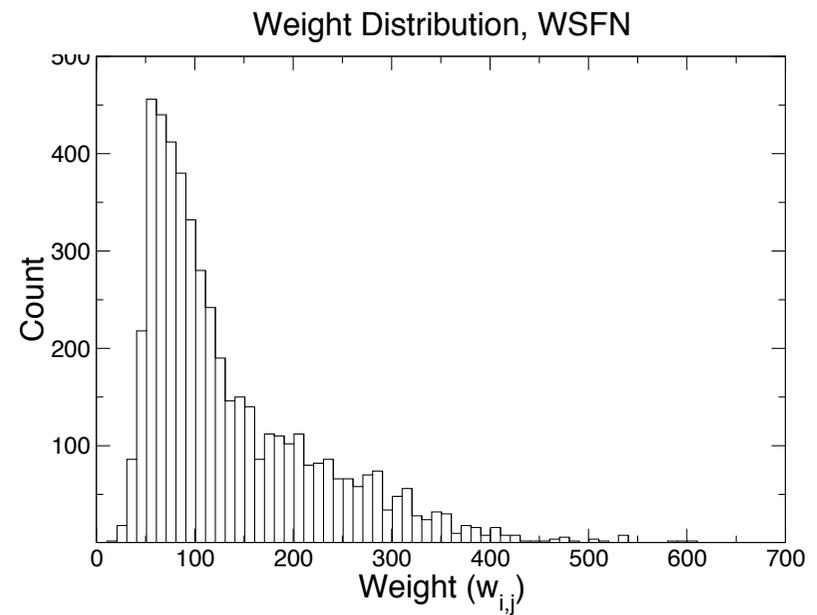
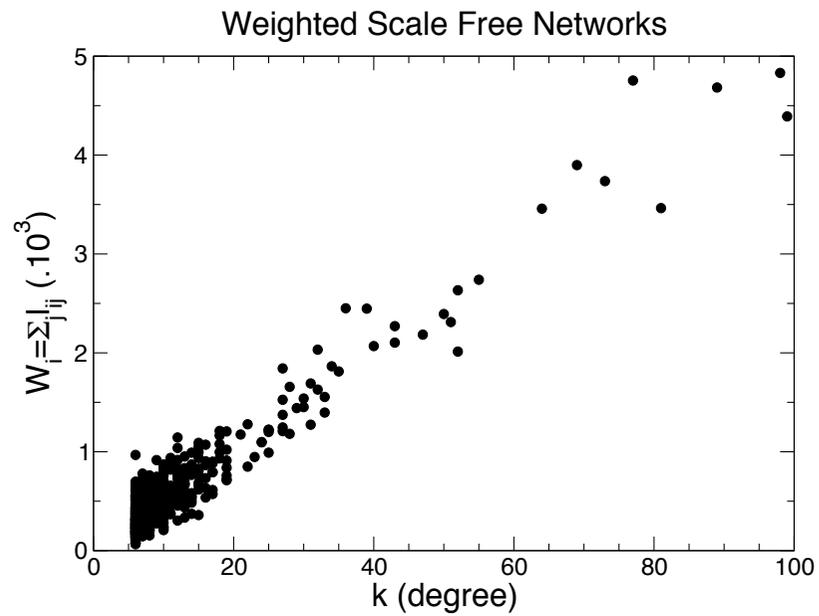
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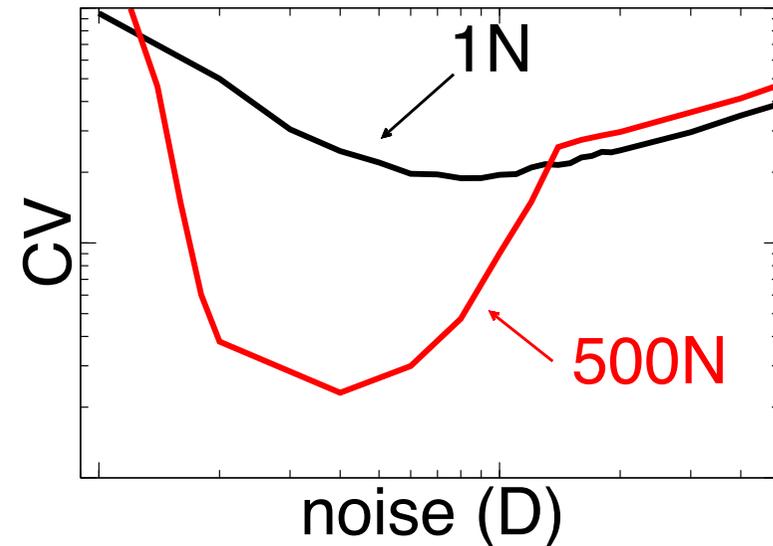
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