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Turbulent chimeras in large
semiconductor laser arrays



Outline

- ❑ The model
- ❑ Effect of system parameters
- ❑ Chimeras states
- ❑ Quantify the chimeras states
- ❑ The influence of initial conditions and the system size
- ❑ Conclusions and open problems

The minimal model of rate equations

$$\frac{d\varepsilon_j}{dt} = (1 - ia)\varepsilon_j N_j + i\eta(\varepsilon_{j+1} + \varepsilon_{j-1}) + i\omega_j \varepsilon_j$$

$$T \frac{dN_j}{dt} = p - N_j - (1 + 2N_j)|\varepsilon_j|^2 \quad j=1 \dots M$$

a : Linewidth enhancement factor

η : The coupling strength

ω_j : Optical frequency detuning

T : Carrier photon lifetime / photons in the laser cavity lifetime.

p : Pump rate

Polar coordinates

$$\varepsilon_j = E_j e^{i\varphi_j}$$



$$\frac{dE_j}{dt} = E_j N_j - \eta [E_{j+1} \sin(\varphi_{j+1} - \varphi_j) + E_{j-1} \sin(\varphi_{j-1} - \varphi_j)]$$

$$\frac{d\varphi_j}{dt} = \omega_j - a N_j - \eta \left[\frac{E_{j+1}}{E_j} \cos(\varphi_{j+1} - \varphi_j) + \frac{E_{j-1}}{E_j} \cos(\varphi_{j-1} - \varphi_j) \right]$$

$$T \frac{dN_j}{dt} = p - N_j - (1 + 2N_j) |\varepsilon_j|^2$$

Without coupling

$$\frac{dE_j}{dt} = E_j N_j$$

$$T \frac{dN_j}{dt} = p - N_j - (1 + 2N_j) E_j^2$$

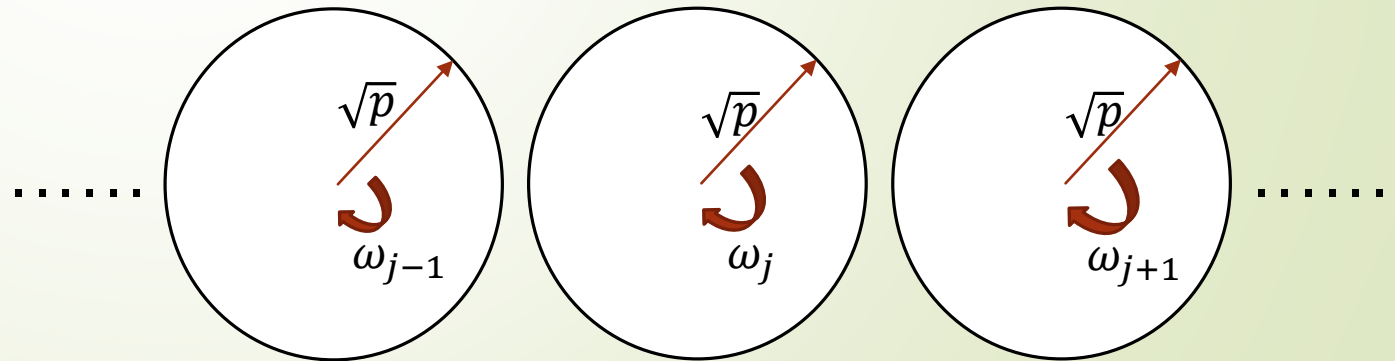
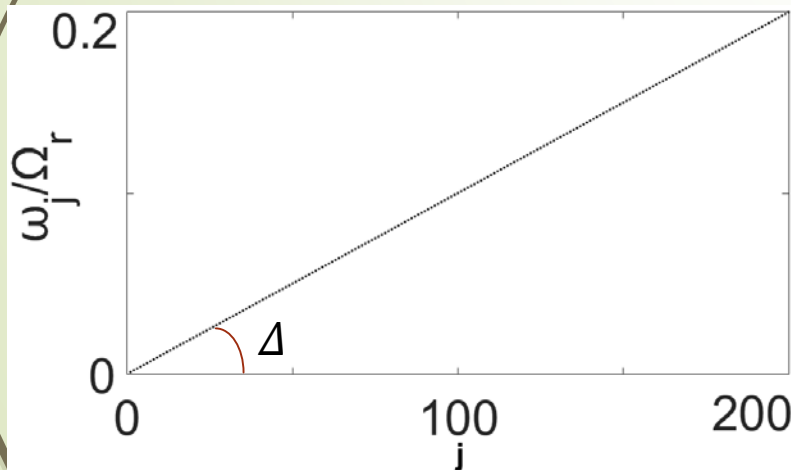
$$\frac{d\phi_j}{dt} = \omega_j - aN_j$$

$$(N_j, E_j) \rightarrow (0, \sqrt{p})$$

stable

$$\lambda_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2T} \pm i \sqrt{\frac{2p}{T}}$$

$\Omega_r \rightarrow$ relaxation oscillation frequency



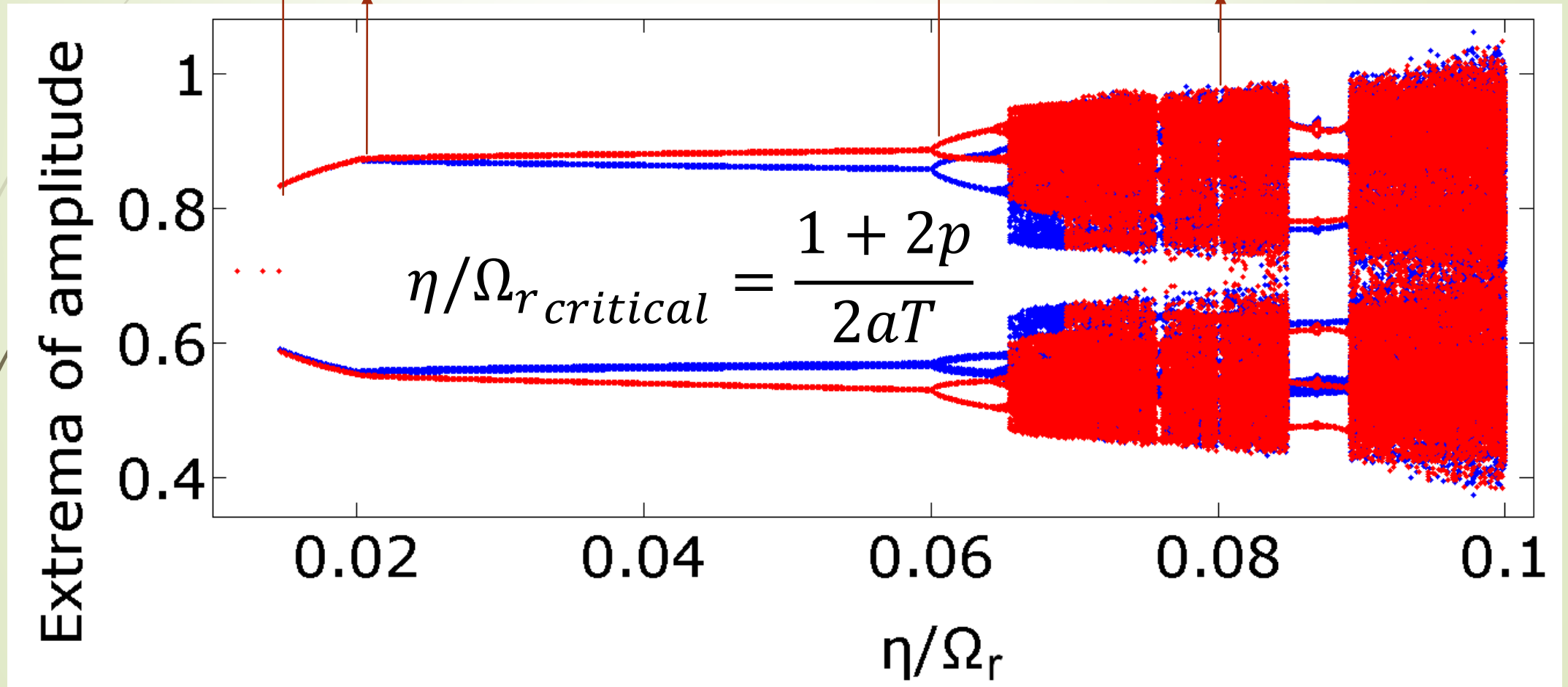
Two coupled lasers without detuning

(a) Hopf bifurcation

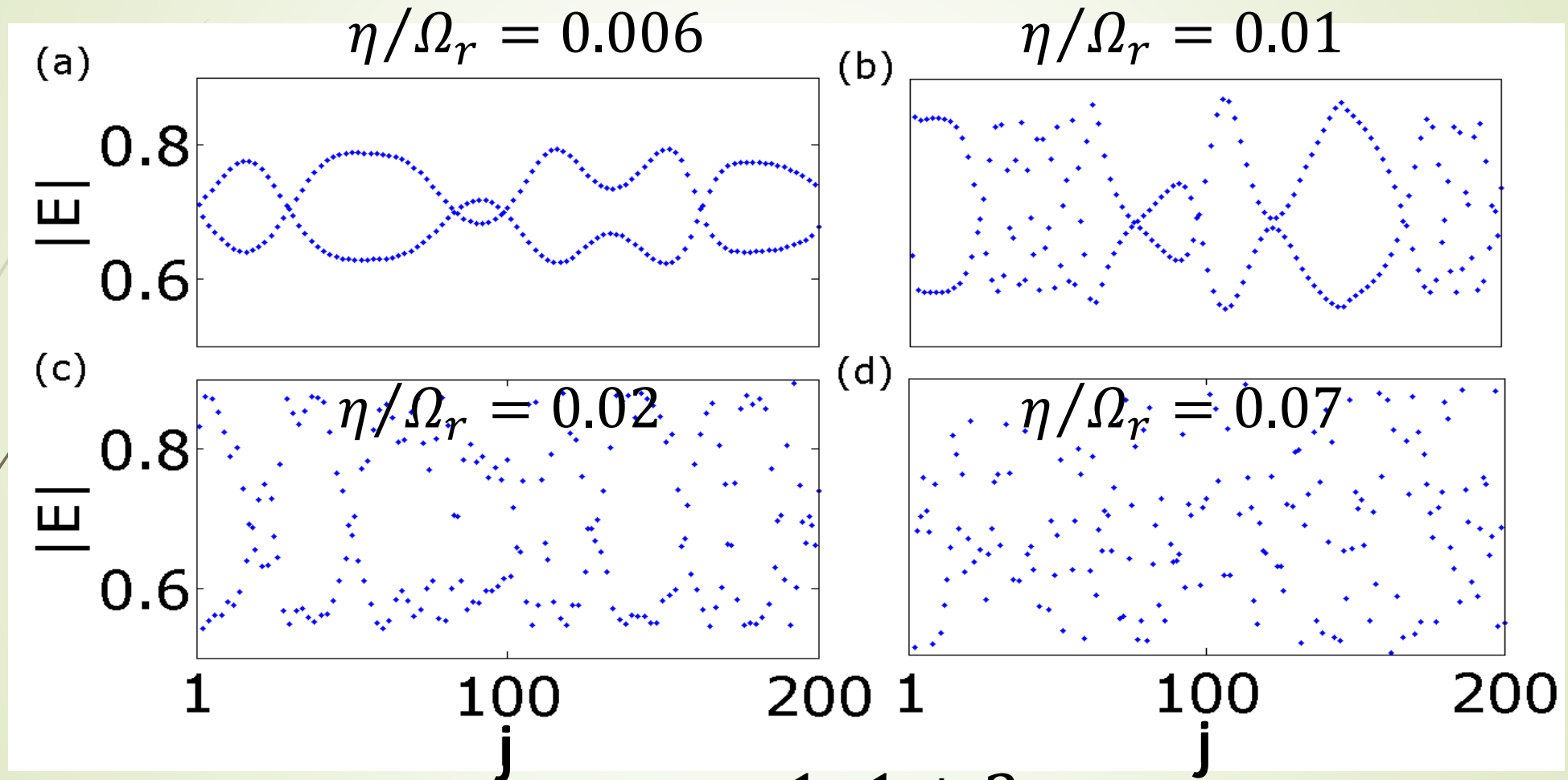
(c) Period doubling

(b) Limit cycle

(d) Chaotic region

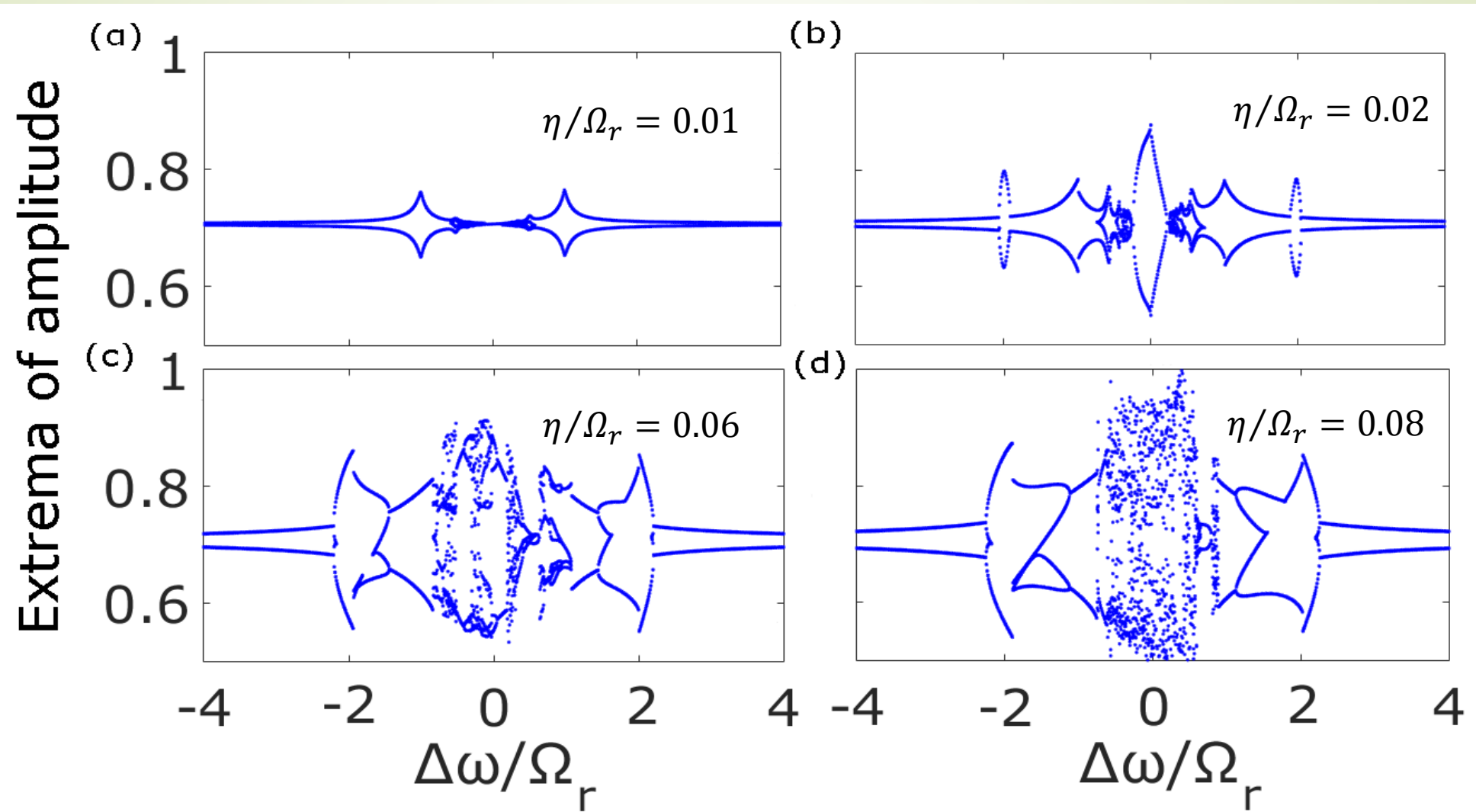


200 coupled lasers without detuning



$$\eta/\Omega_{r \text{ critical}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 + 2p}{2aT} \right) = 0.005$$

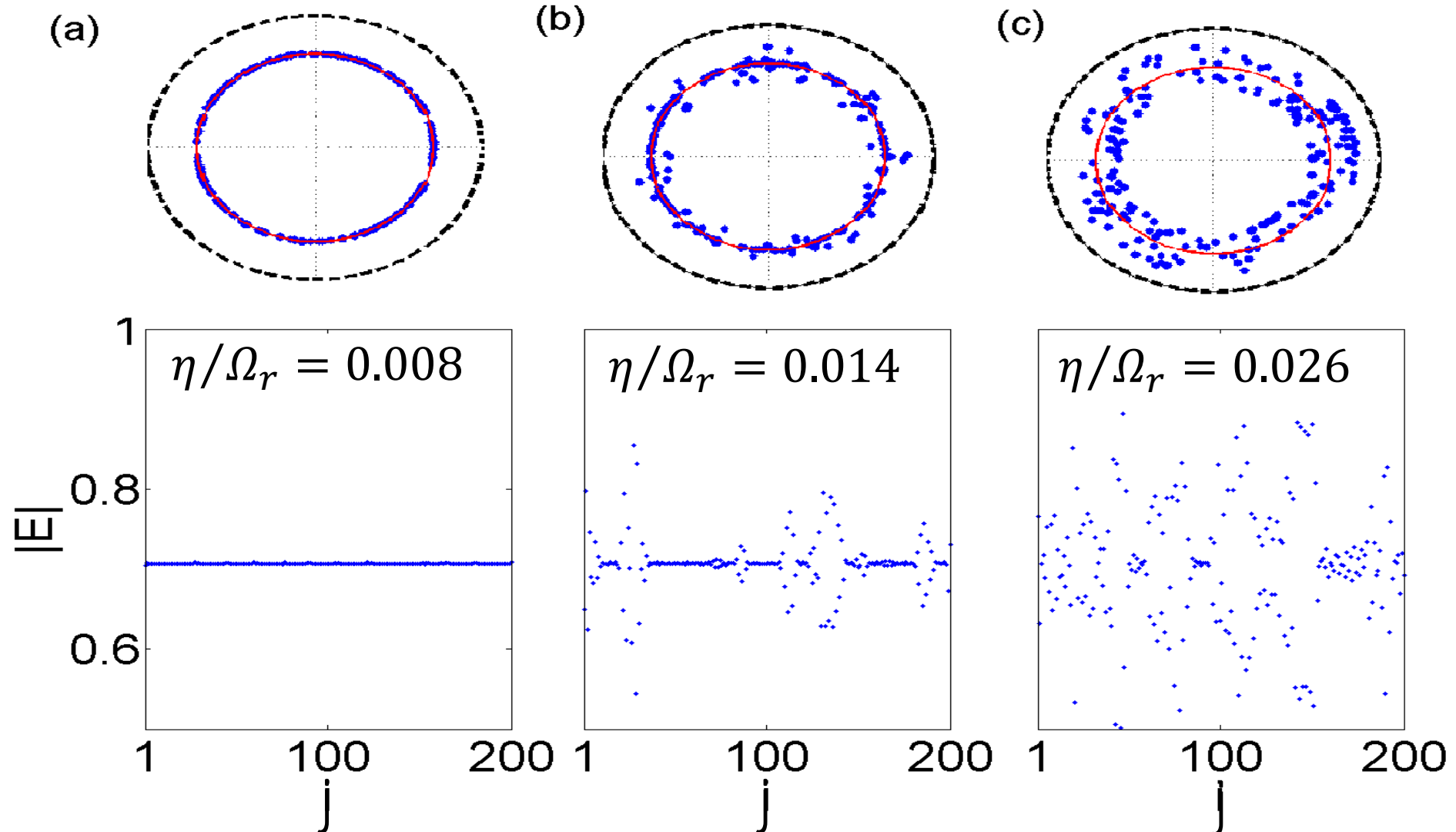
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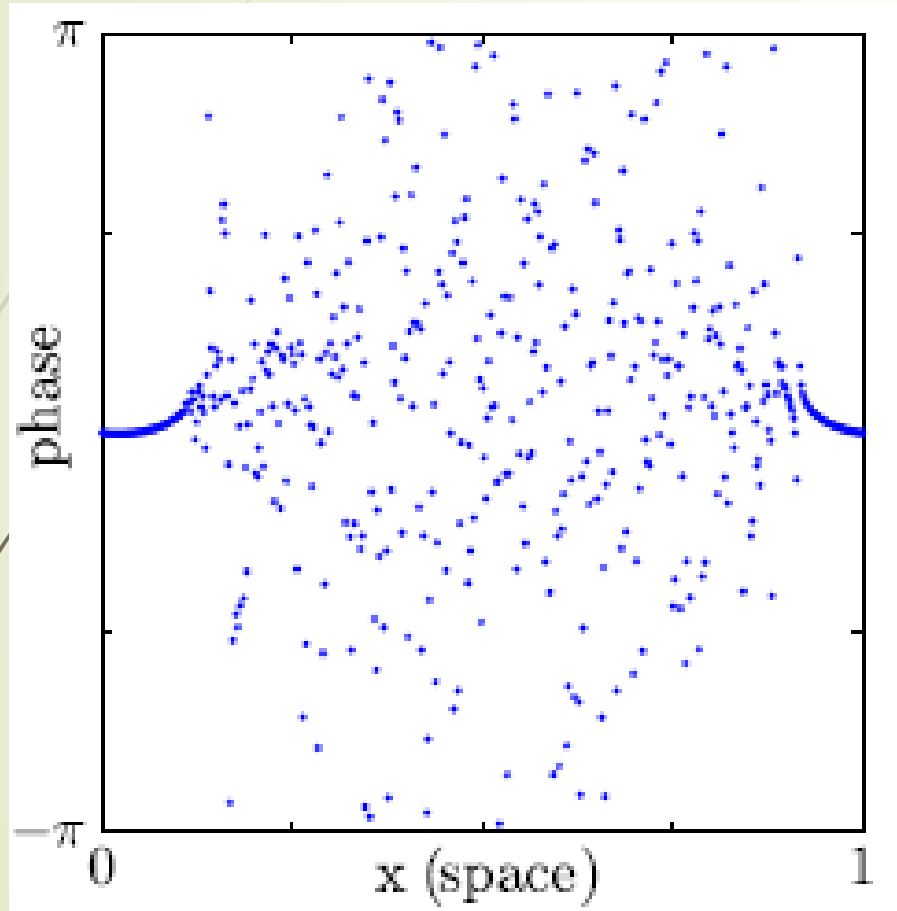
$$\Delta\omega = \omega_2 - \omega_1$$

200 coupled lasers with detuning

$$\Delta = 0.01$$



Kuramoto model



Chimeras in a one-dimensional periodic space

Coexistence of Coherence and Incoherence
in Nonlocally Coupled Phase Oscillators

2002
Y. Kuramoto¹ and D. Battogtokh²

$$\frac{d\theta_j}{dt} = \omega + \frac{k}{2R} \sum_{l=j-R}^{j+R} \sin(\theta_l - \theta_j + a)$$

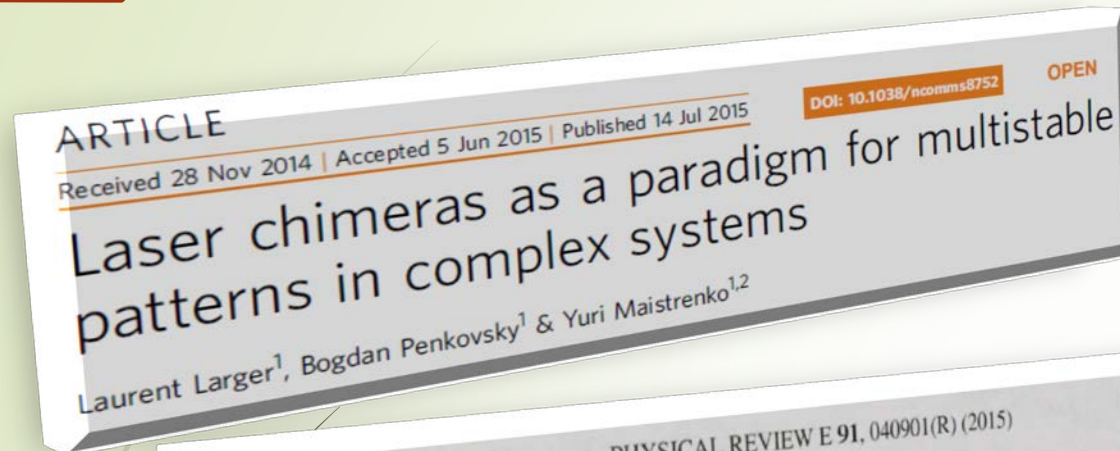
k = The coupling

ω = The frequency

R = The range of coupling

a = phase lag parameter

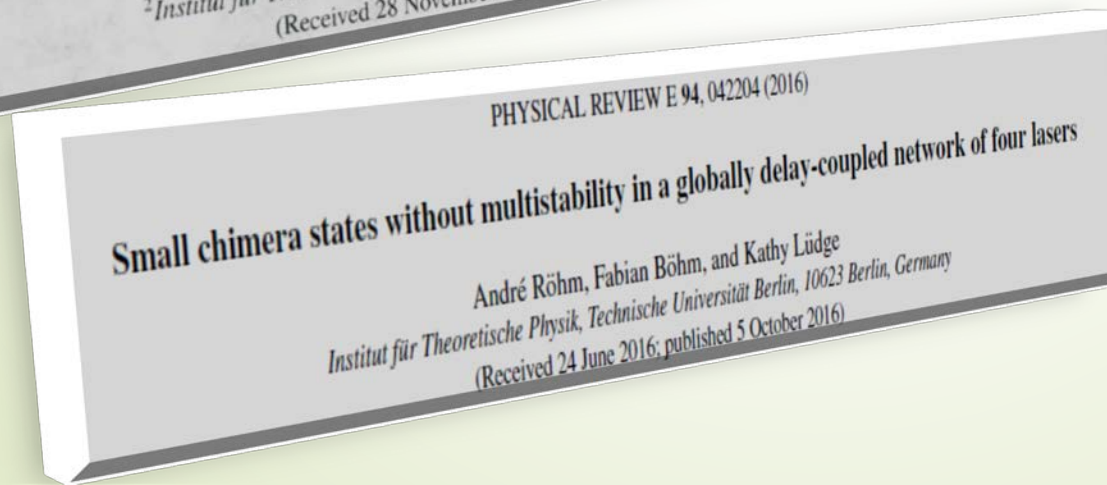
Chimeras in laser systems



Experiment based on an **optoelectronic delayed feedback** applied to a semiconductor laser 2014



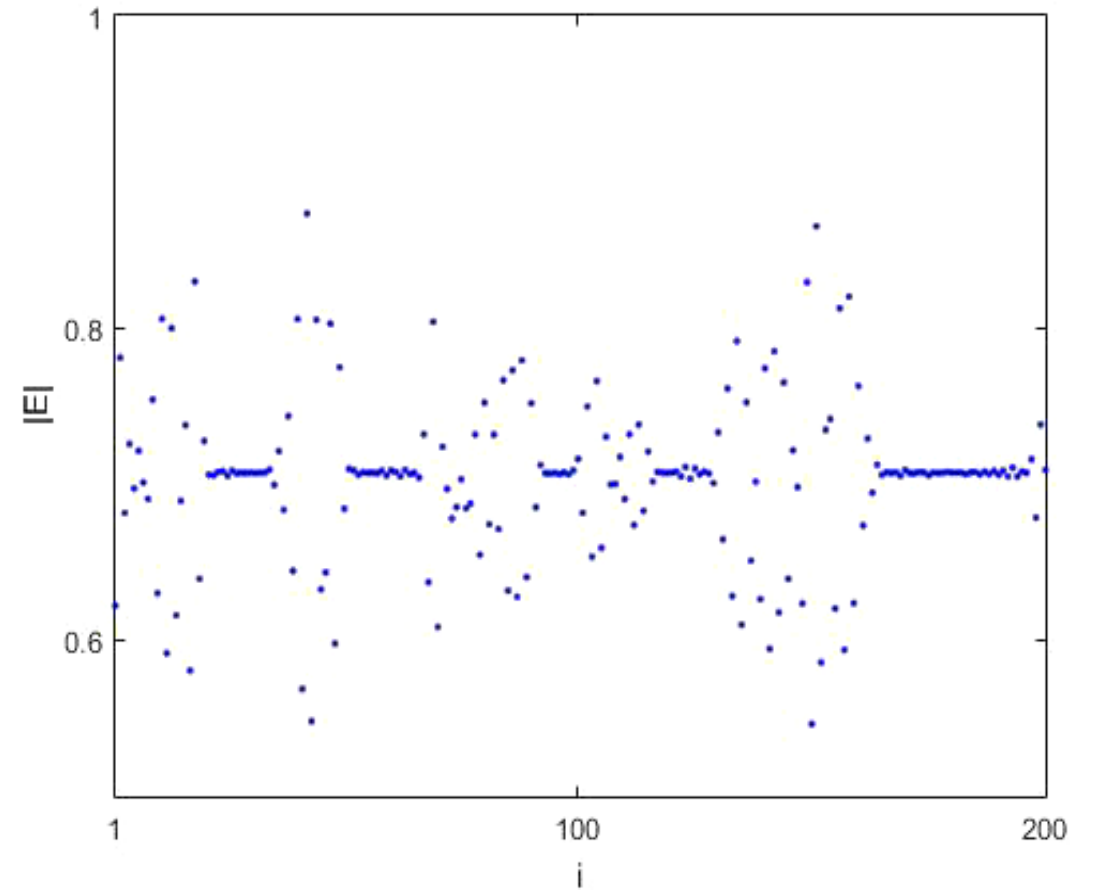
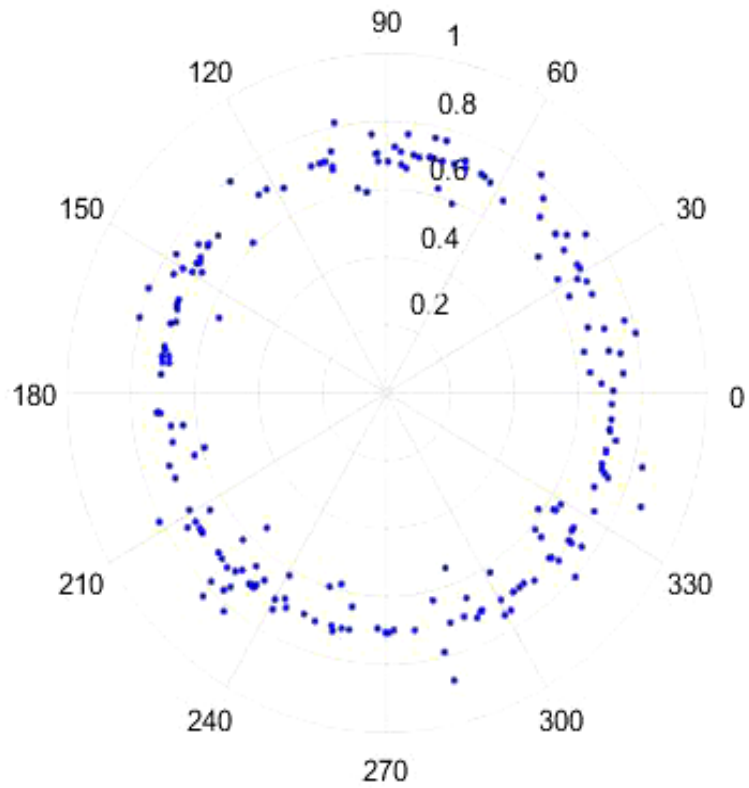
Globally coupled network of semiconductor lasers with delay feedback 2015



A network of **four** delay-coupling class B lasers 2017

Large arrays
Local coupling
Detuning

Videos



Local curvature

For measuring spatial coherence

$$DE_j(t) = E_{j+1}(t) + E_{j-1}(t) - 2E_j(t)$$

Discrete Laplacian

Synchronization regime $\longrightarrow DE_j(t) \approx 0$

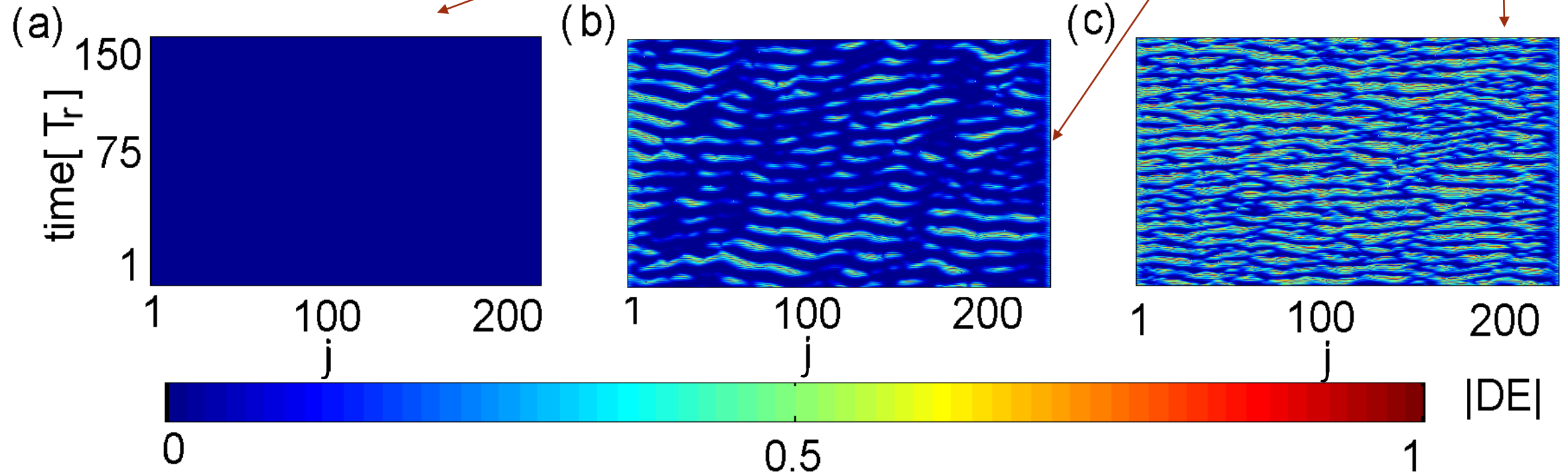
Asynchronous regime $\longrightarrow DE_j(t) \approx 1$

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A classification scheme for chimera states

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and Katharina Krischer^{1,a)}

Local curvature



$T_r =$ is the period of the relaxation oscillation

Probability density function

If g is the normalized probability density function of $|DE|$ then

$$g(|DE| = 0) = g_0$$

measures the spatially coherent region in each temporal realization

Fully synchronized system $\longrightarrow g_0 = 1$

Totally incoherent system $\longrightarrow g_0 = 0$

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If $0 < g_0 < 1$ then we have chimera states

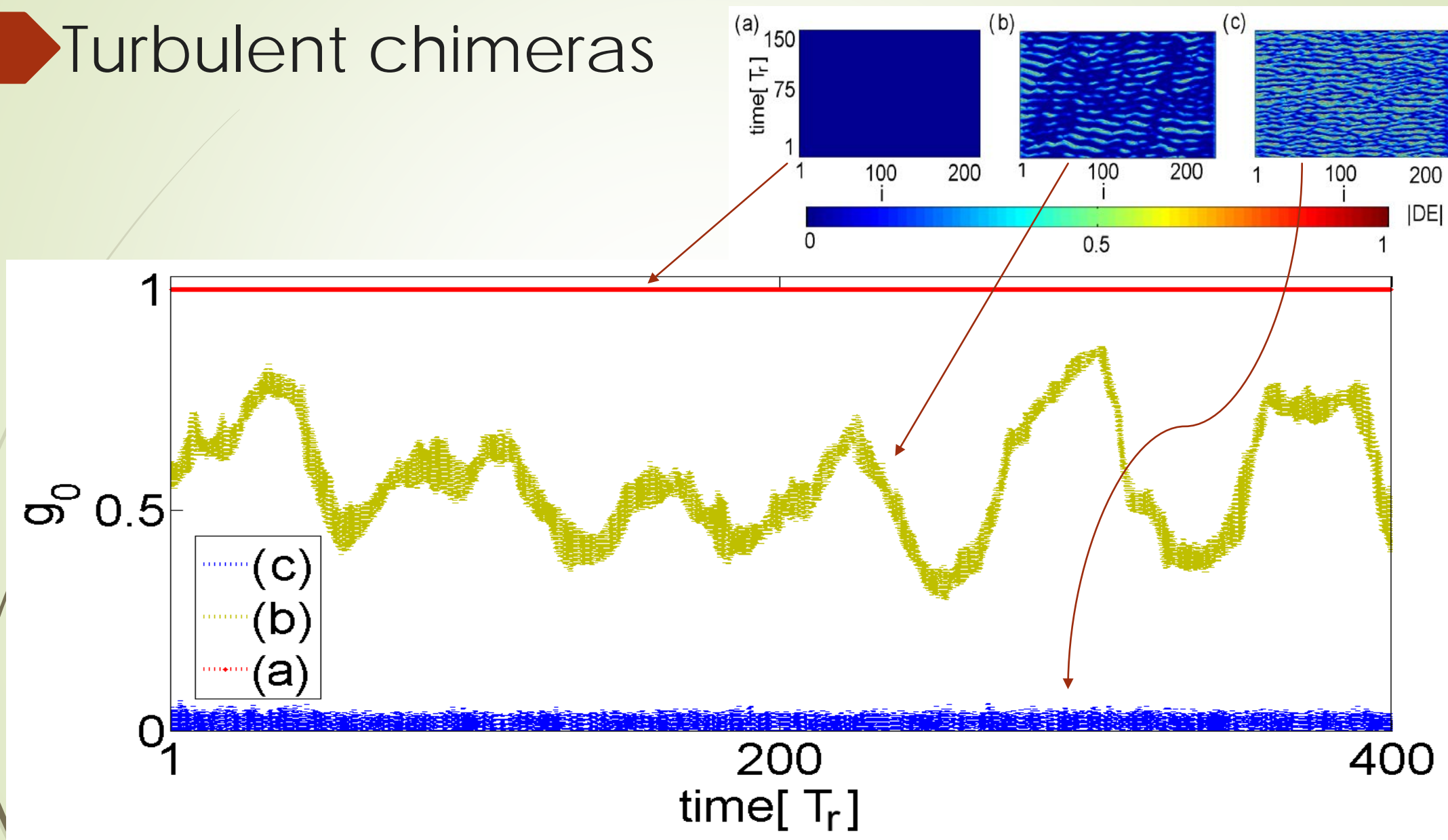
Constant

Irregular oscillatory

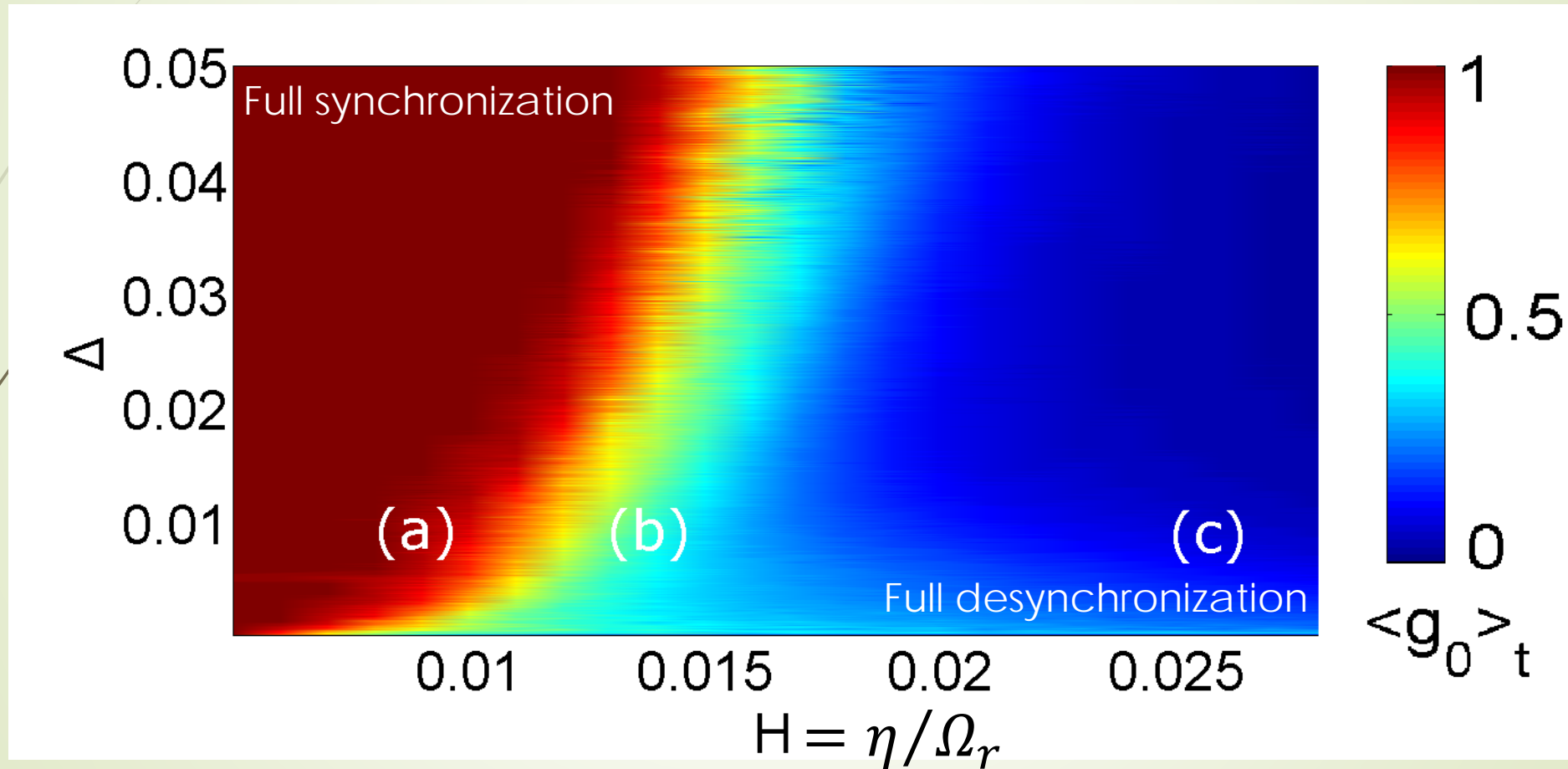
Stationary chimeras

Turbulent chimera

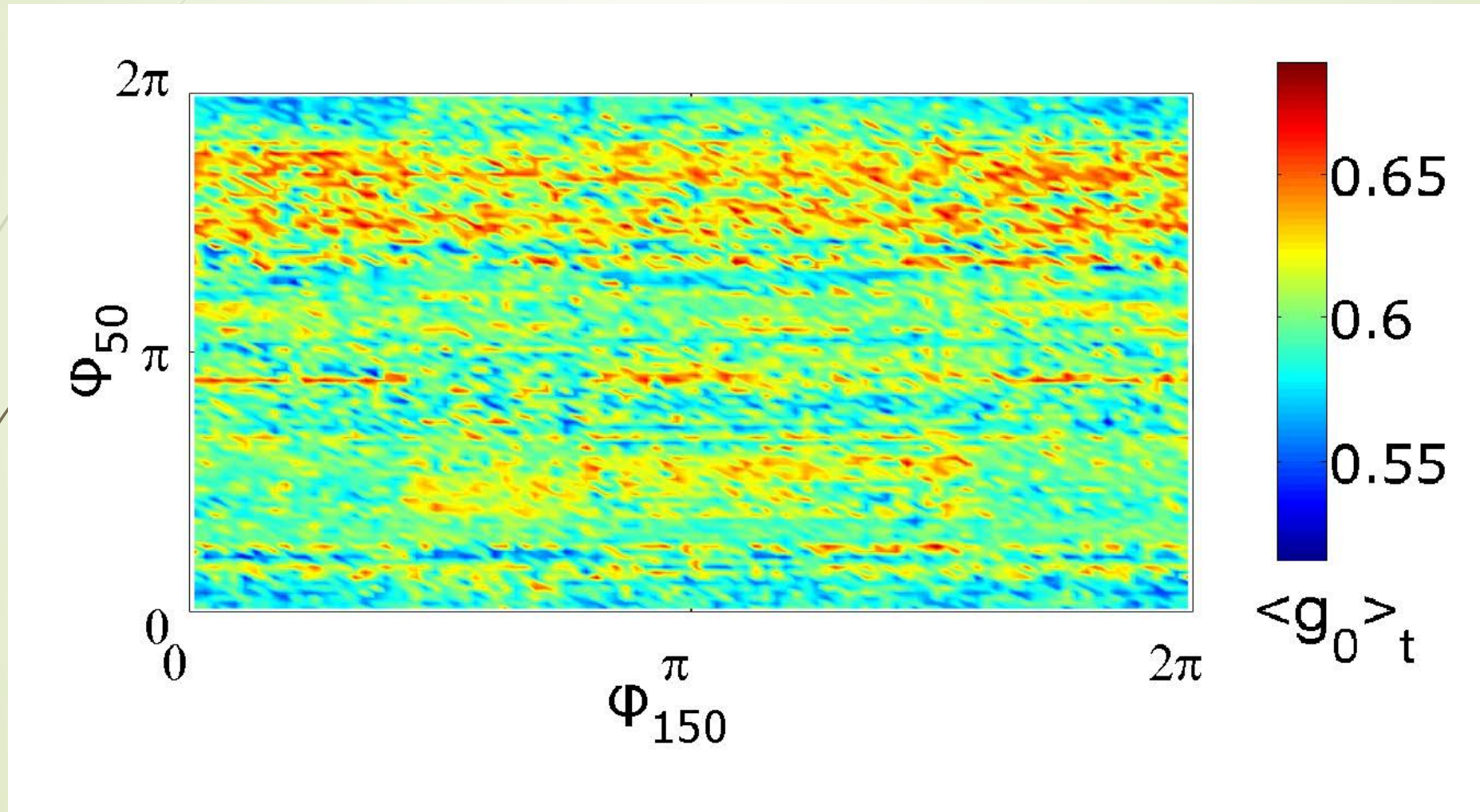
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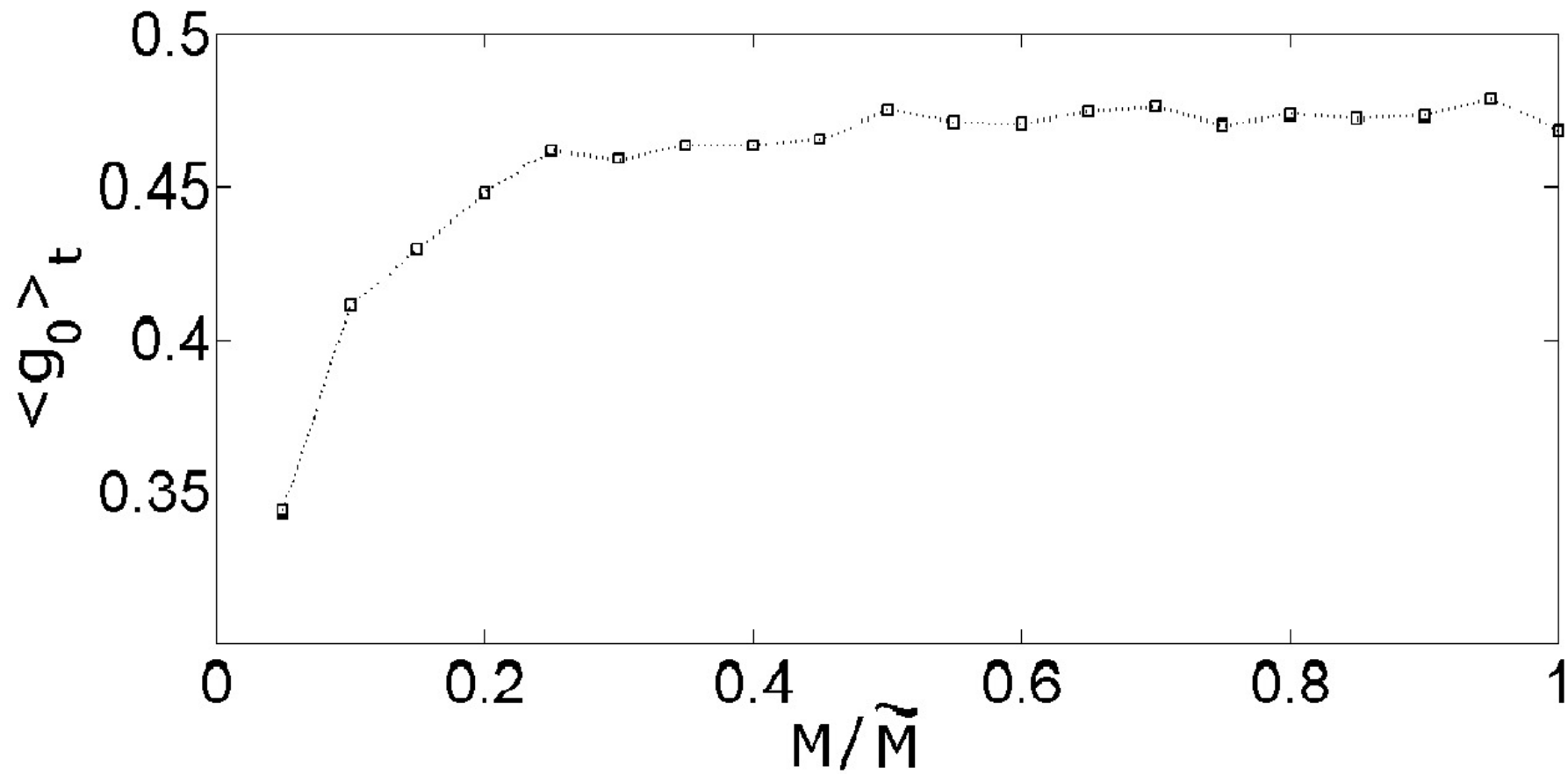
The region of turbulent chimeras



Initial conditions



System size



Normalized to $\tilde{M} = 1000$



Conclusions

- ❑ Amplitude chimeras in a large network of semiconductor lasers with detuning
- ❑ The nature of the chimeras is turbulent
- ❑ Chimera states exist for locally coupled emitters
- ❑ The region of chimeras states lies between full synchronization and desynchronization
- ❑ Any initial conditions ensures the existence of chimeras state
- ❑ The system size also has an effect which saturates for arrays with more than 200 emitters.

For future studies

- ❑ Explore the effects introduced by noise
- ❑ The effects of the laser pump power which is the most accessible control parameter

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Semiconductor laser arrays have been investigated experimentally and theoretically from the viewpoint of temporal and spatial coherence for the past forty years. In this work, we are focusing on a rather novel complex collective behavior, namely chimera states, where synchronized clusters of emitters coexist with unsynchronized ones. For the first time, we find such states exist in large diode arrays based on quantum well gain media with nearest-neighbor interactions. The crucial parameters are the evanescent coupling strength and the relative optical frequency detuning between the emitters of the array. By employing a recently proposed figure of merit for classifying chimera states, we provide quantitative and qualitative evidence for the observed dynamics. The corresponding chimeras are identified as *turbulent* according to the irregular temporal behavior of the classification measure.



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