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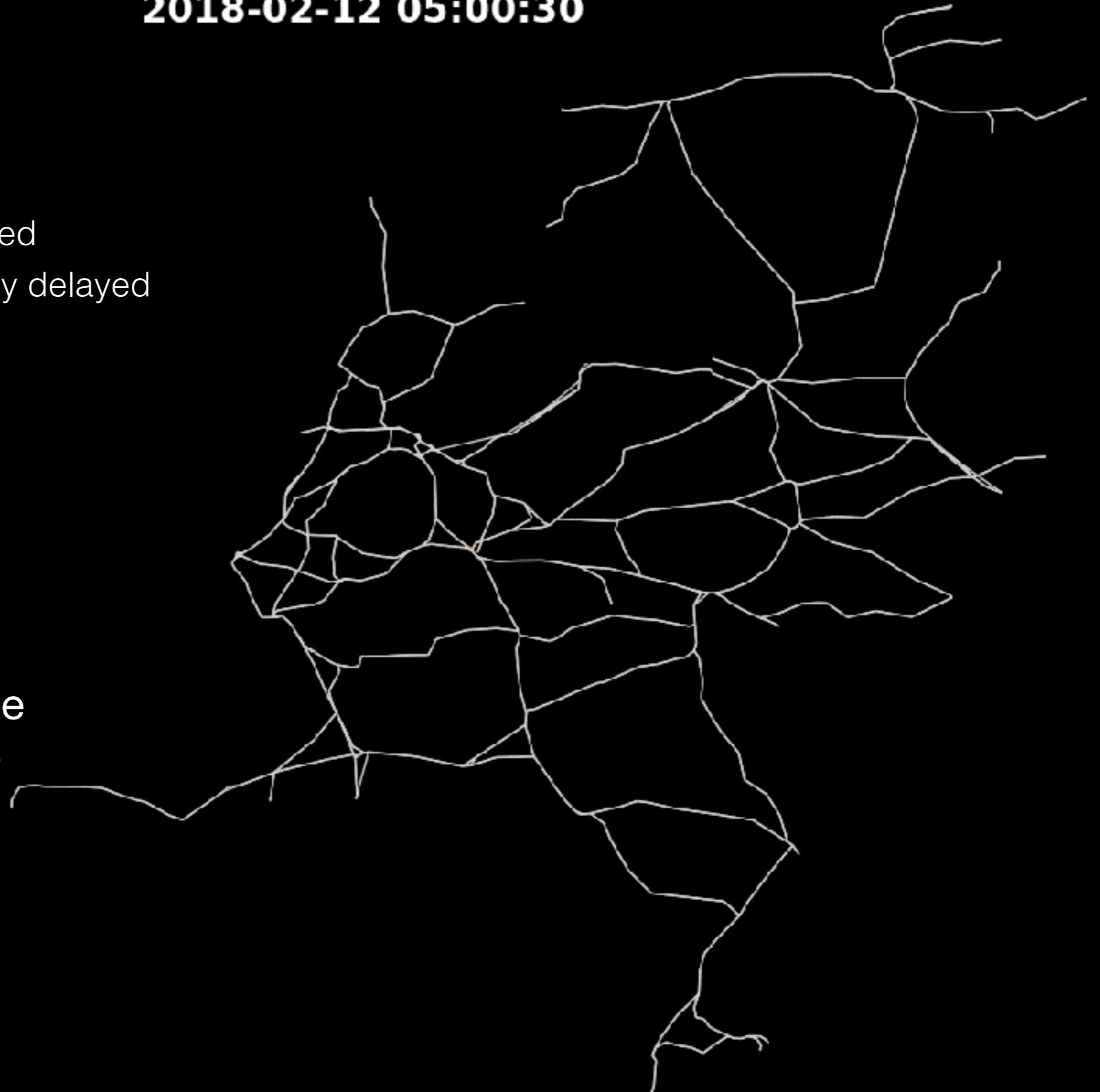


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Green A bit early
Grey On time
Orange A bit delayed
Red Significantly delayed

Observations:

- Advection
- Diffusion
- Direction/line
- Interference
- **Emergence**



Aim

To find early-warning indicators for large-scale disruptions

First step: delay propagation

- a. Quantify **diffusion** of perturbations ('advection')
- b. Understand **interacting** perturbations and **amplification** effects

Literature

Monechi et al. (2017)

- ‘Gap’ in research
- Investigates **dynamics**
- Simple model

Complex delay dynamics on railway networks: from universal laws to realistic modelling

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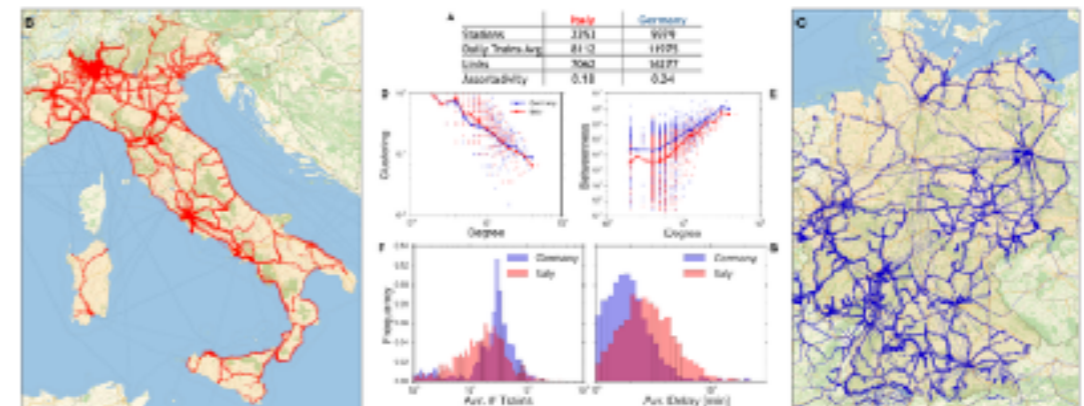
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Abstract

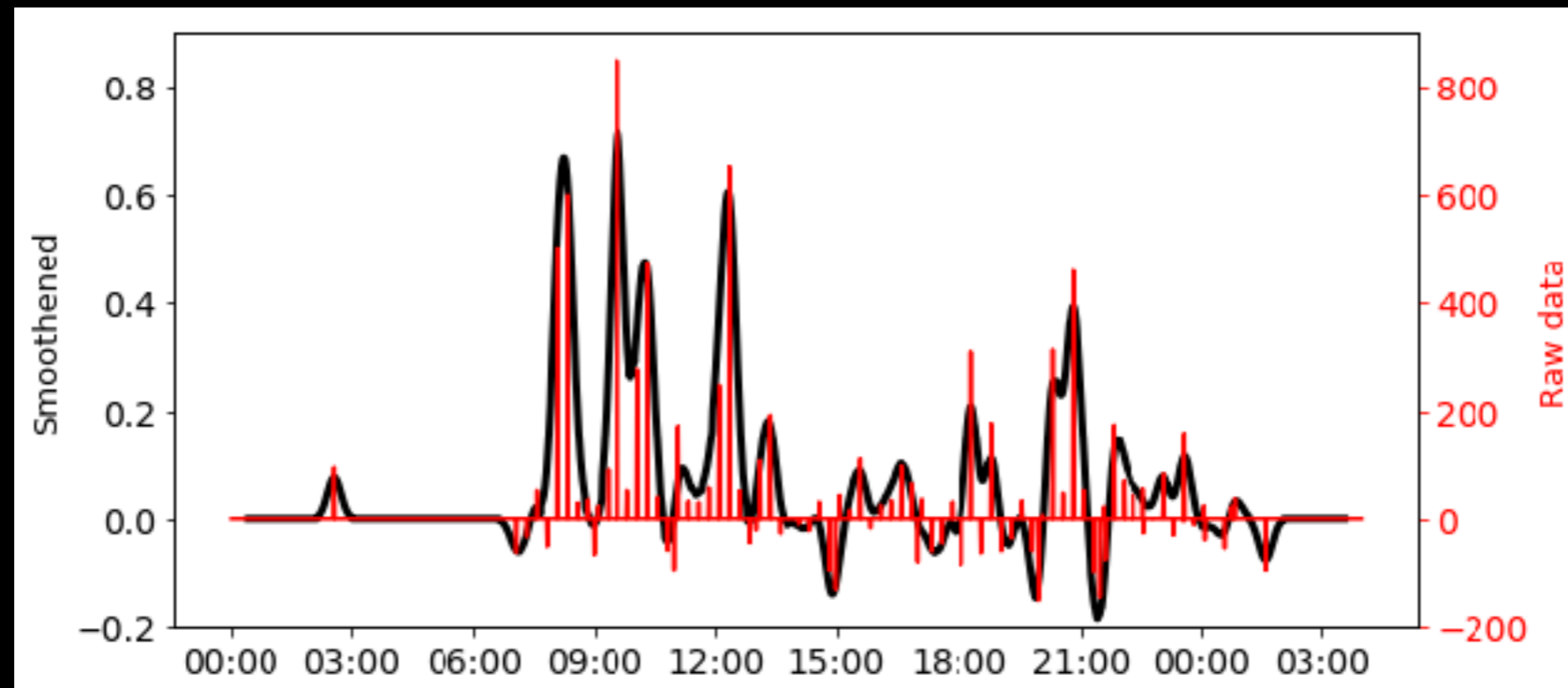
Railways are a key infrastructure of any modern country where major disruptions and large delays compromising the correct mode of operation occur on a daily basis. Despite their importance, a general theoretical understanding of the underlying causes is still lacking so that a deeper comprehension of these critical situations will impact the effectiveness of traffic handling policies. Here, we report a detailed study of the Italian and German railway networks based on an extensive dataset retrieved during year 2015. We detect universal laws ruling the occurrence of delay at stations and find that both the Italian and German systems display a sort of delay contagion effect. We exploit these results to propose a simple modelling scheme of train dynamics on railway networks which is capable of reproducing the dynamical features of real systems.



Data

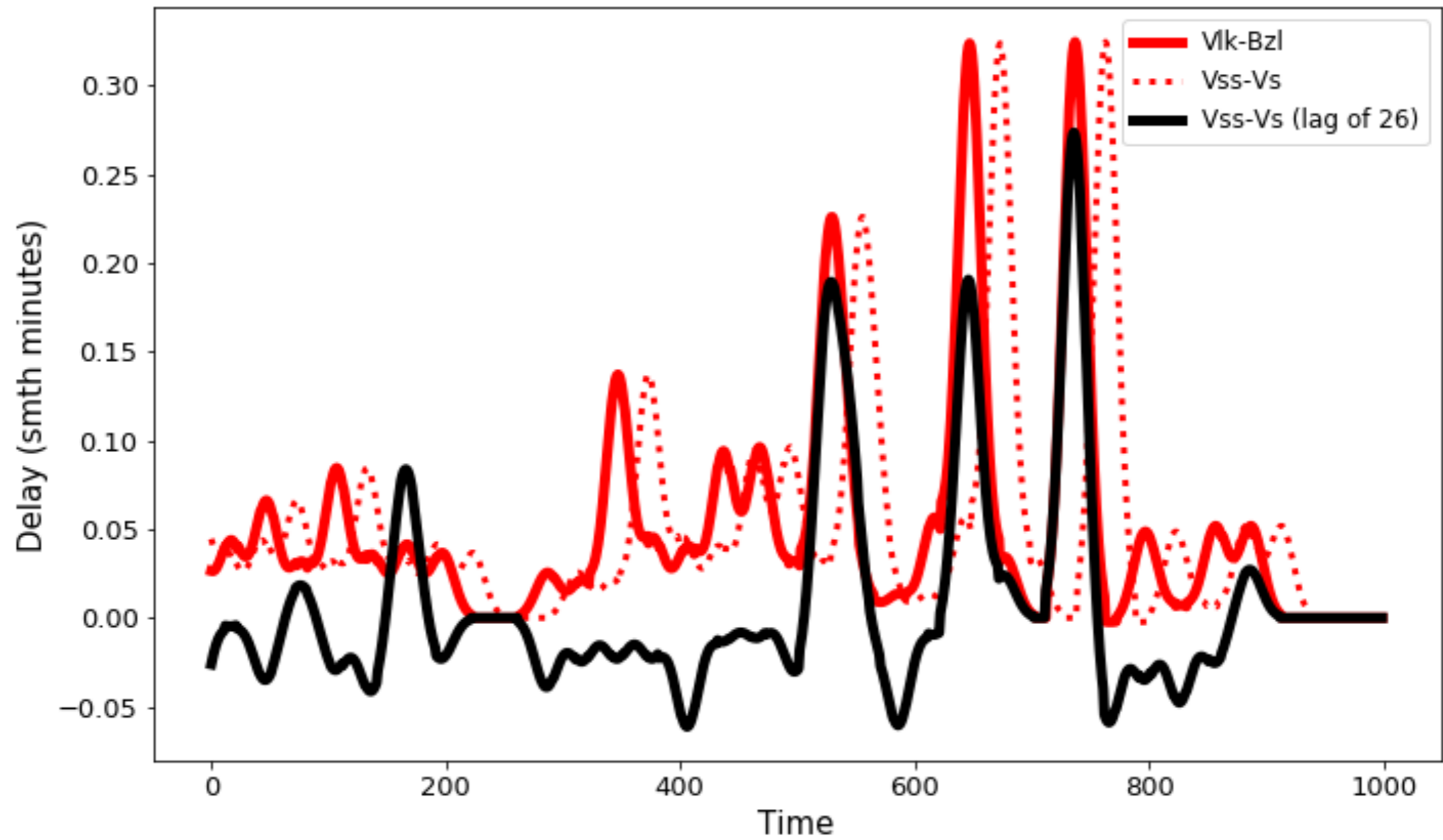
Logged **train activity** - register of the passing of trains and their characteristics

- Discrete -> continuous time series
 - Gaussian weighting function
- Future data: crew?

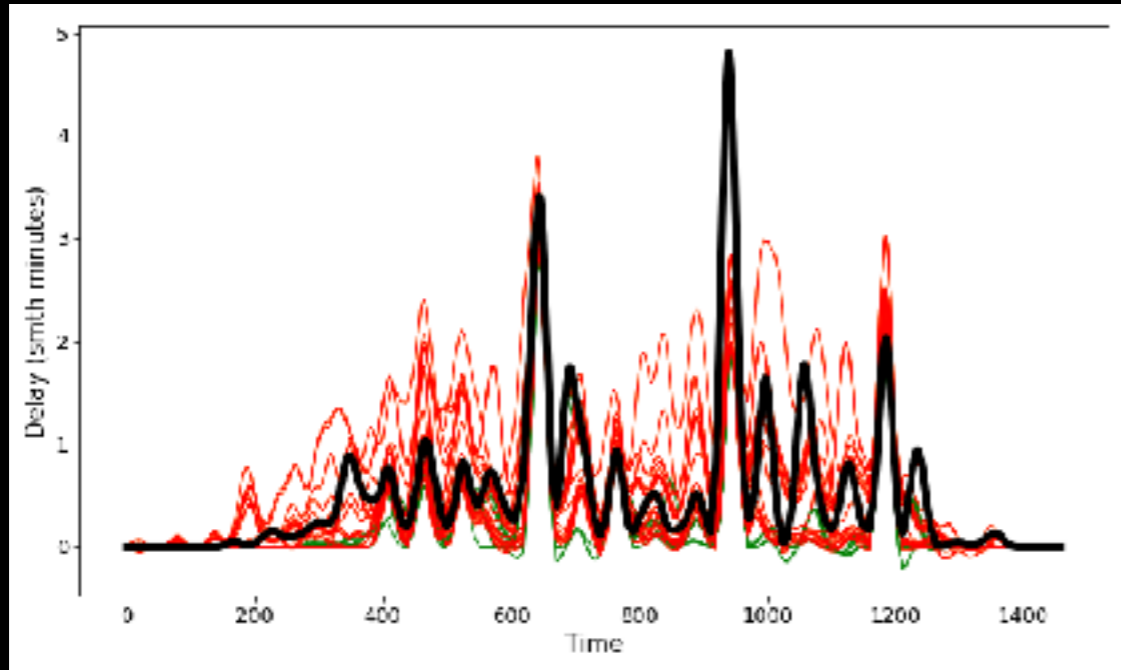


First step

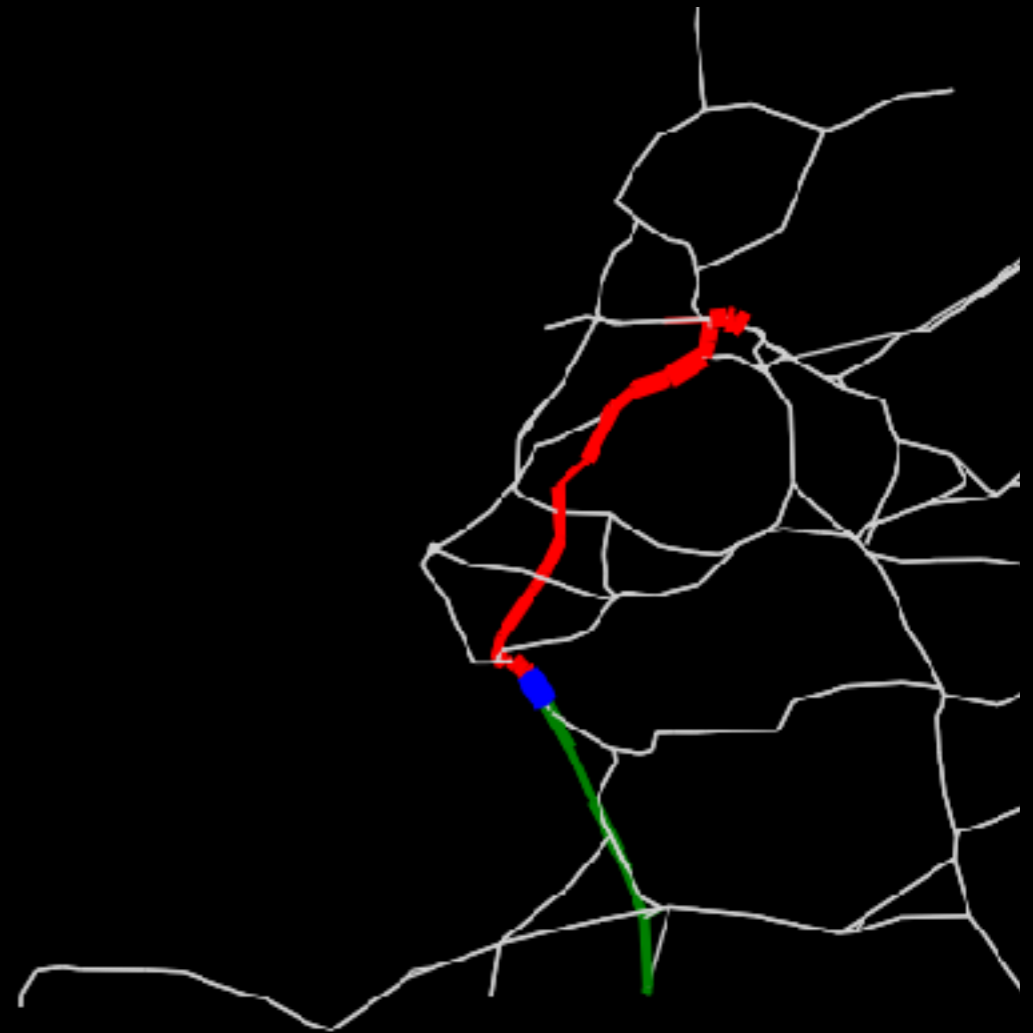
Advection and Diffusion



Find true correlation by correcting for lag

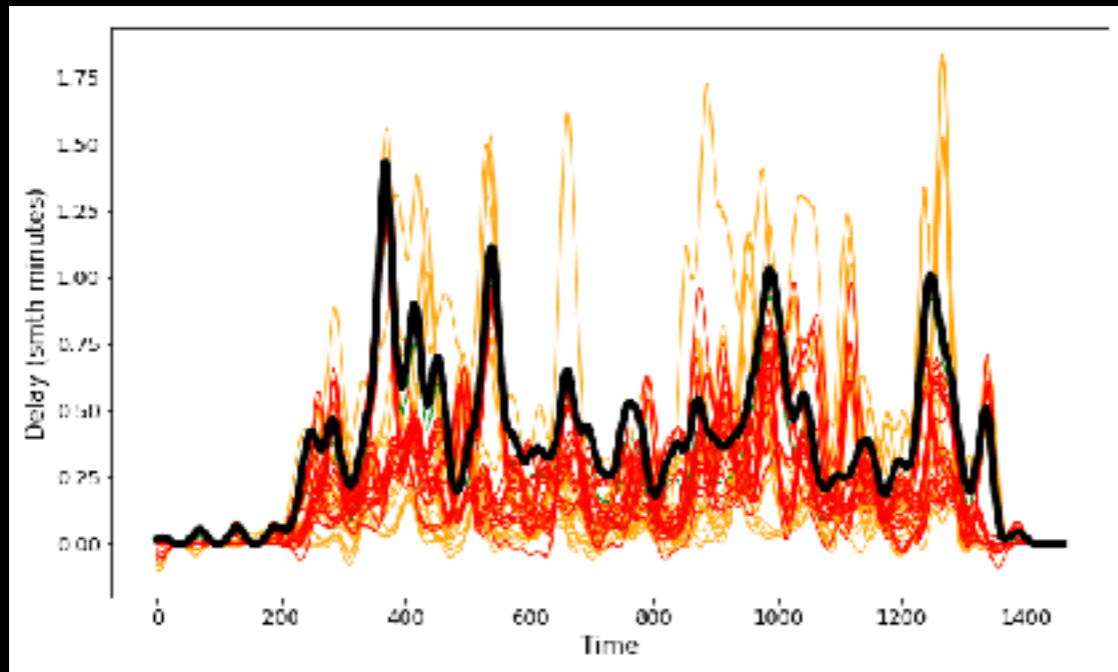


Top: Lag-corrected time series
Right: Correlated area

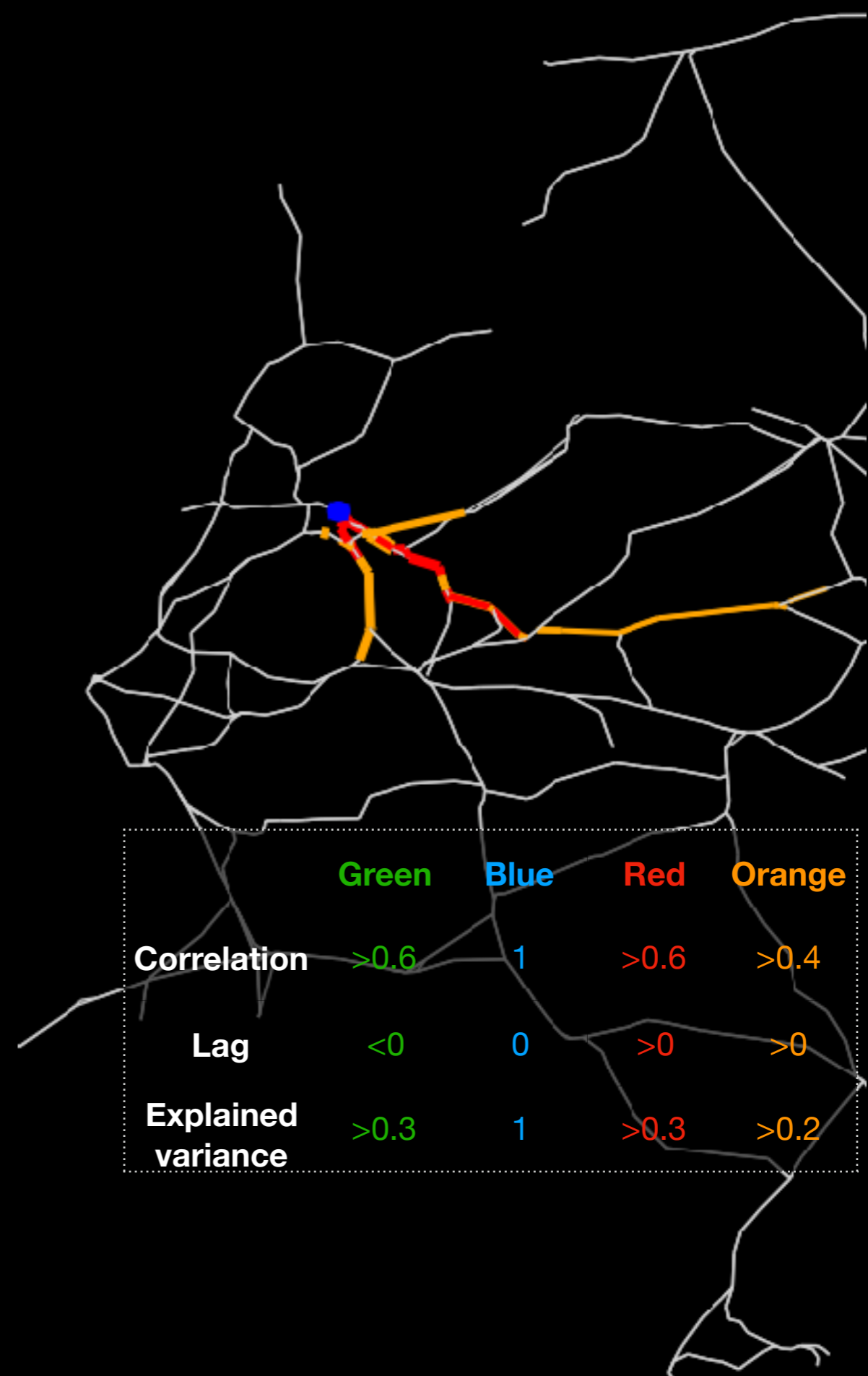


Period 6-14 February
Time All day
From Rlb (Rotterdam Lombardijen)
To Rtst (Rotterdam Stadion)

	Green	Blue	Red	Orange
Correlation	>0.6	1	>0.6	>0.4
Lag	<0	0	>0	>0
Explained variance	>0.3	1	>0.3	>0.2

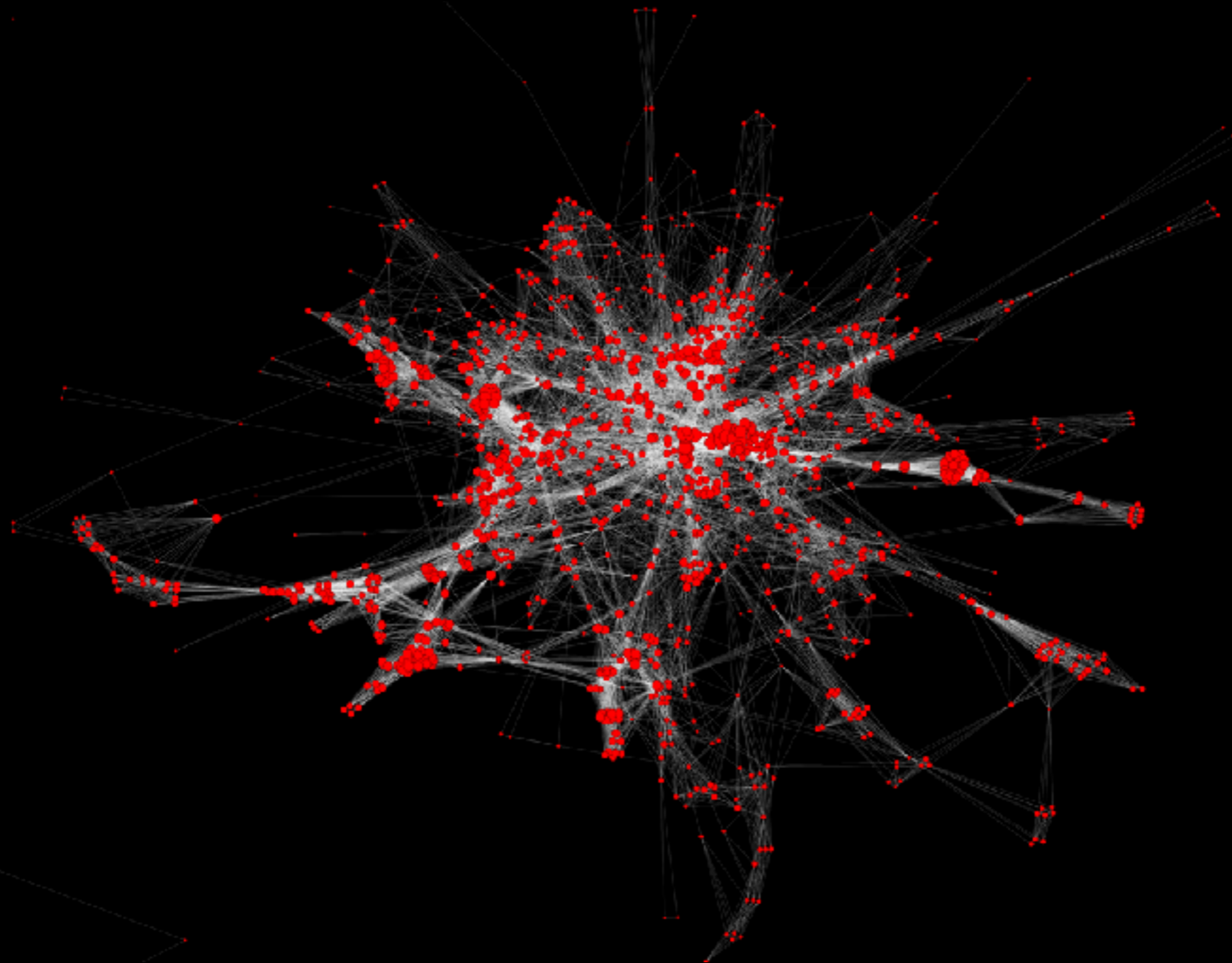


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Period 6-14 February
Time All day
From Ods (Oosterdoksdoorvaart)
To Dgrw (Dijksgracht Westzijde (Amsterdam))

	Green	Blue	Red	Orange
Correlation	>0.6	1	>0.6	>0.4
Lag	<0	0	>0	>0
Explained variance	>0.3	1	>0.3	>0.2



Network of delay diffusion

Nodes:

- Represent segments of tracks in the Dutch Railway network

Links drawn under the conditions:

- Lag-corrected correlation: > 0.4
- Explained variance: > 0.2
- All lags (i.e., between -90 to 90 min)

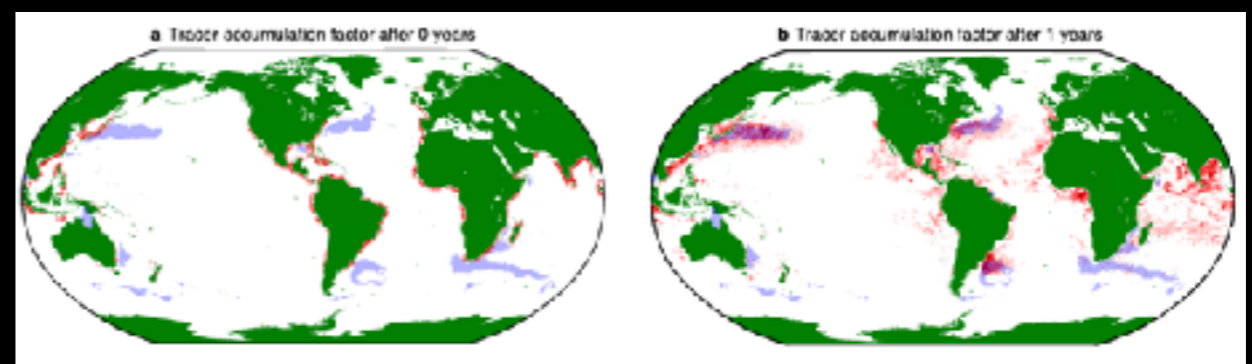
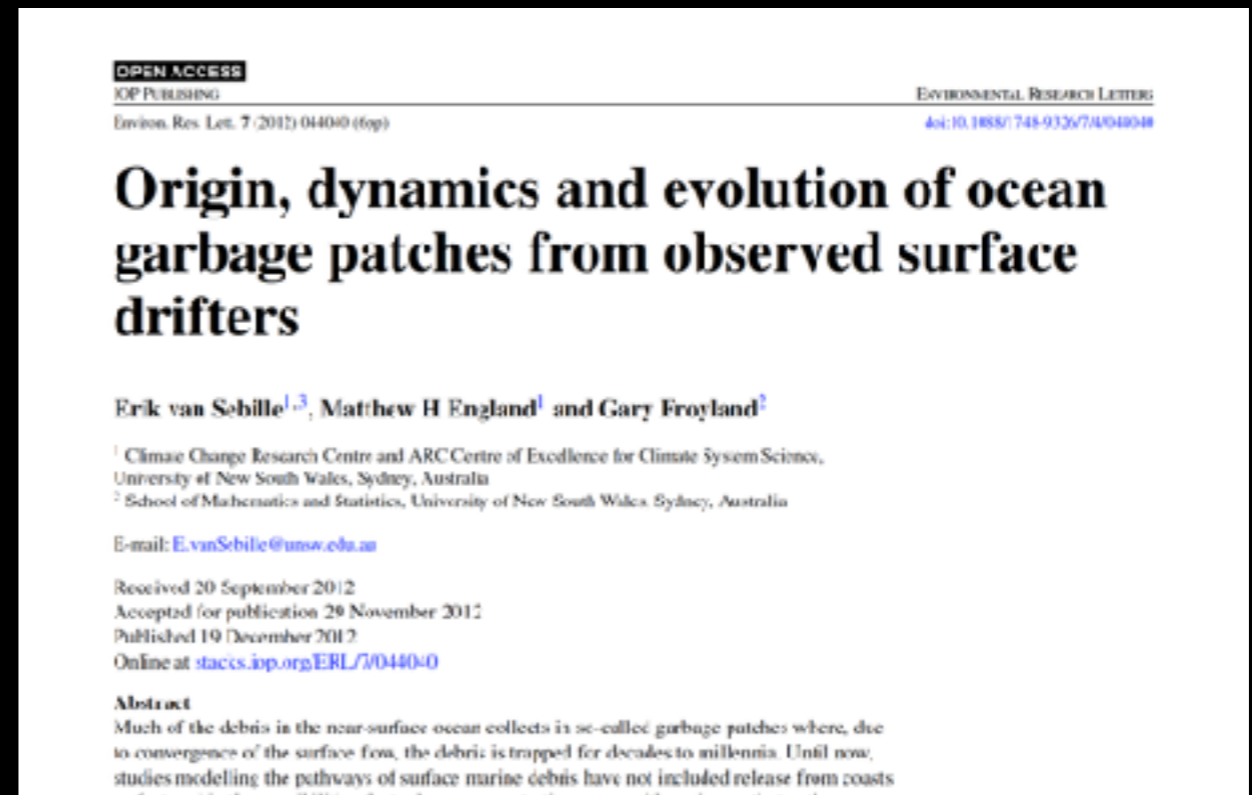
Second step

Interaction, Amplification and
Emergence

Idea

Van Sebille et al. (2012)

- Usage of **transfer matrix**
- Marine plastics -> delay



Transfer matrix

To find a matrix J that maps the state of the system's dynamic variables in time.

That is: to find a mapping J such that

$$S^{t+\Delta t} = J_{e(t)}(t, d) \cdot S^t$$

given discrete events set $e(t)$, time t , time step Δt , and accumulated delays d , and state vector S of the form:

$$S_i = \sum d_i$$

with segment index i . The state vector might also contain a bit of time series history.

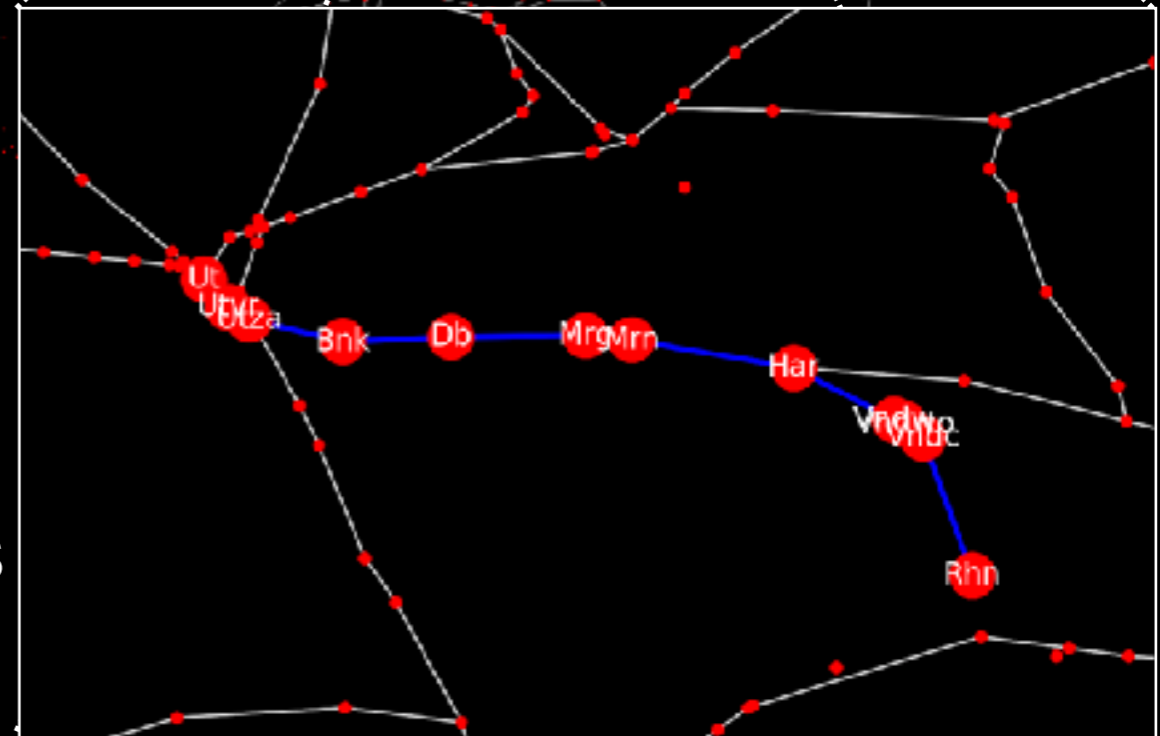
Transfer matrix

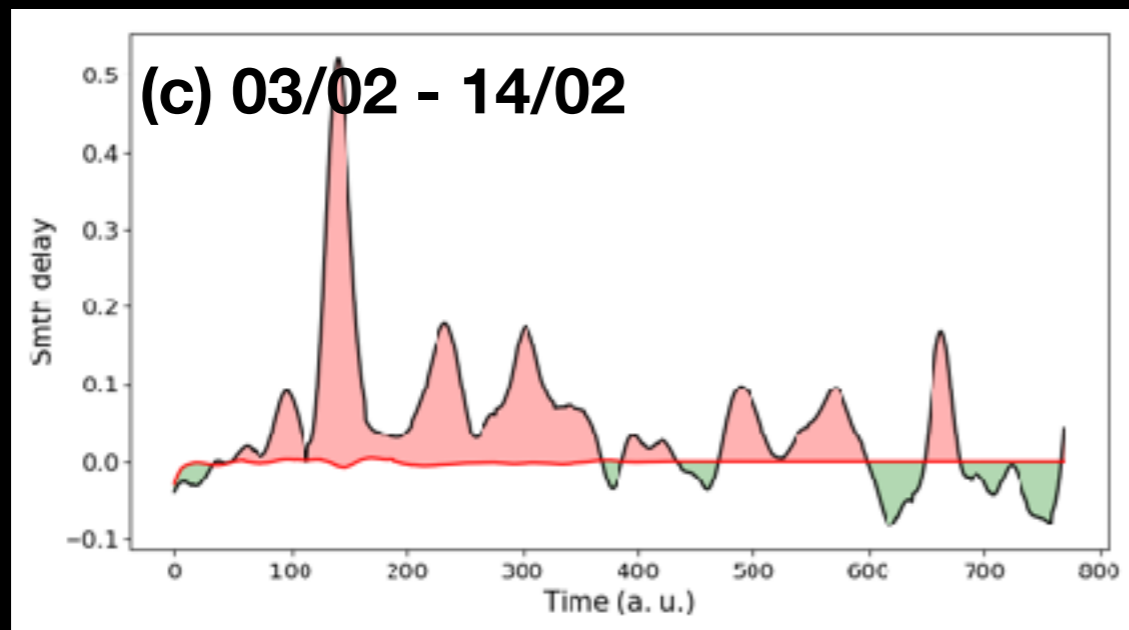
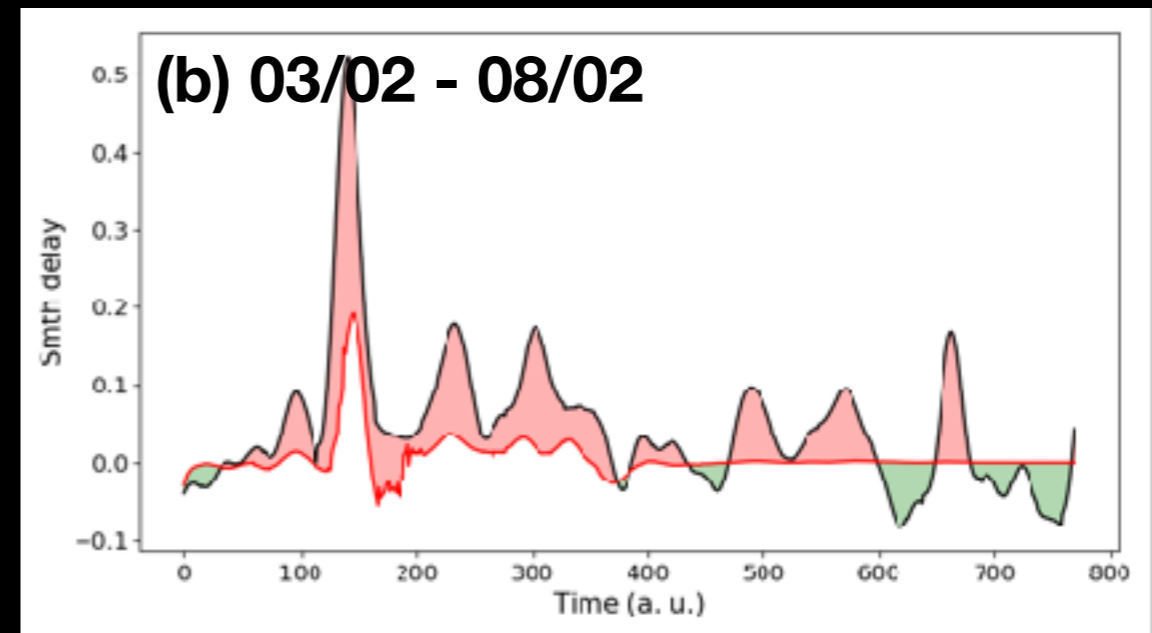
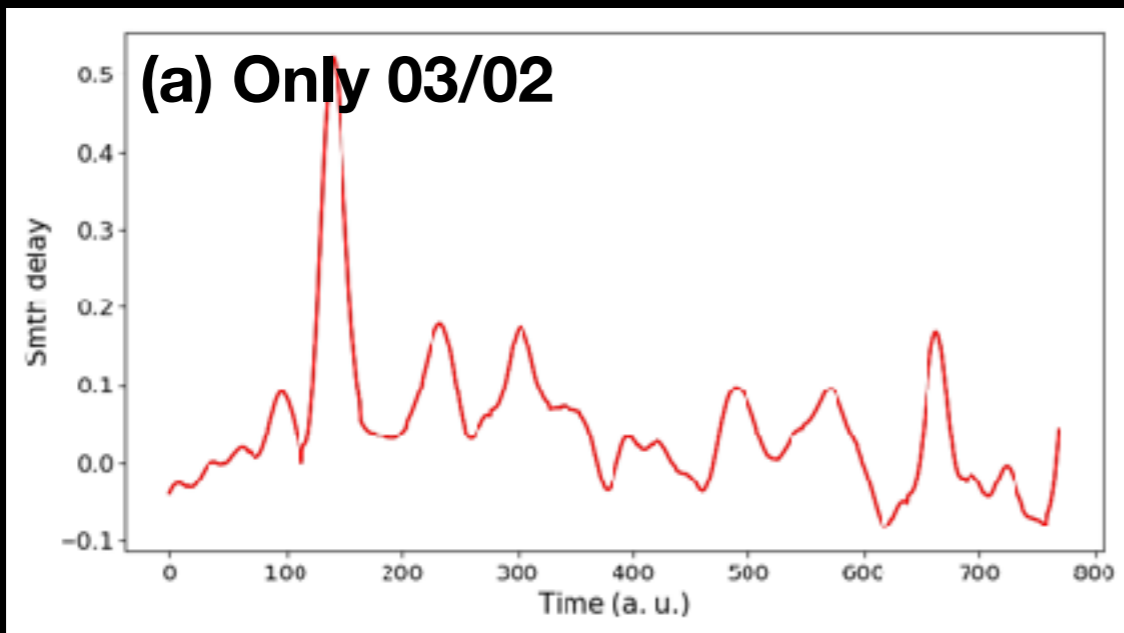
First approach

- Focus on the area between Rhenen and Utrecht CS
- Calculate the **transfer matrix** by:

$$J = S_{t+\Delta t} \cdot S_t^{-1}$$

- ▶ **Pseudo inverse** is used.
- Do this for **every timestep**: $J = J(t)$
- **Average** (per timestep) over all days covered





Problems:

- Flattening because of **averaging**, variation between days
- **Primary** versus **secondary** delays
- No differentiation yet among **different types delays** or events
- **Parameter** settings (window size)

Example results

Mapping applied on February 3rd
 Different mapping per timestep, averaged over days

Outlook

Diffusion and Advection

- Analyse diffusion network for **high-impact spots** (relate to buffer times)
- Model **experiments**
- **Upscale** in time

Interaction, amplification and emergence

- **Filtration** of primary delays in transfer matrix calculation
 - **Upscale** mapping in time/space
 - Investigate **sensitivity**
 - Investigate usability of **principal components**
- ... **early warning signals?**

**Thank you for you
attention**

Appendix

Principal Component Analysis

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(3-14 Feb)

