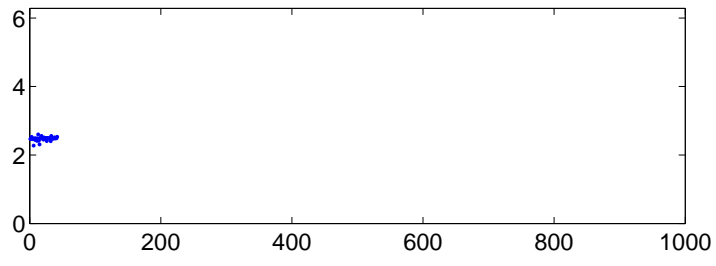


system, in the limit of an infinite number of oscillators, could be described by three ordinary differential equations. However, Pikovsky and Rosenblum [20] showed, using the ansatz of Watanabe and Strogatz [21], that the Ott/Antonsen (OA) ansatz did not completely d



A, B, C and D), but where each member of the ensemble has a randomly chosen set of frequencies $\{\omega_j^1\}$ and $\{\omega_j^2\}$ (these both come from the same distribution g , and g is the same for each member of the ensemble). Letting the number of members of the ensemble go to infinity we describe the state of population 1 by the probability density function

$$f^1(\omega_1^1, \omega_2^1, \dots, \omega_N^1; \omega_1^2, \omega_2^2, \dots, \omega_N^2; t)$$

and population 2 by the function

$$f^2(\omega_1^2, \omega_2^2, \dots, \omega_N^2; \omega_1^1, \omega_2^1, \dots, \omega_N^1; t)$$

which, by conservation of oscillators [4, 18], satisfy

$$\frac{df}{dt} + \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{df}{d\omega_j} \dot{\omega}_j = 0 \quad (7)$$

for

and

$$A_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N A_{jk} \bar{a}_k \quad B_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N B_{jk} \bar{b}_k \quad (27)$$

$$C_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N C_{jk} \bar{b}_k \quad D_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N D_{jk} \bar{a}_k \quad (28)$$

The interpretation of the a_k is that the magnitude of a_k gives the “peaked-ness” of the angular distribution over the ensemble of the θ_k — the closer $|a_k|$ is to 1 the more peaked the distribution, while $|a_k| = 0$ corresponds to a uniform angular distribution. The argument of a_k gives the phase about which the distribution of the θ_k are peaked. Similarly for the b_k and population 2.

Note that when A, B, C and D are full, there exists a solution of (23)-(28) for which $a_k = a$ and $b_k = b \forall k$, where a and b are governed by the two complex equations studied by Laing [3]:

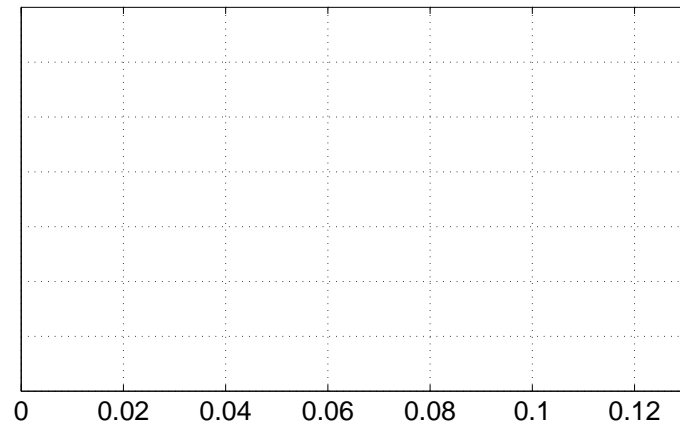
$$\frac{da}{dt} = -a + (e^{i\theta}/2)(\mu a + b) - (e^{-i\theta}/2)(\mu \bar{a} + \bar{b})a^2 \quad (29)$$

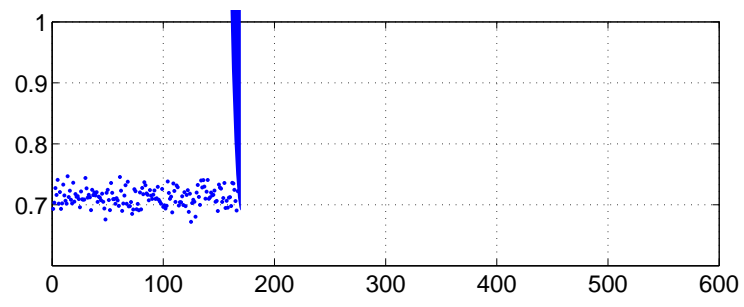
$$\frac{db}{dt} = -b + (e^{i\theta}/2)(\mu b + a) - (e^{-i\theta}/2)(\mu \bar{b} + \bar{a})b^2 \quad (30)$$

If $\theta = 0$, (29)-(30) are the same equations as studied by Abrams et al. [7]. As Barlev et al. [8] noted, this type of synchronised solution, for which $a_k = a$ and $b_k = b \forall k$, also exists when the coupling matrices all have the same row sum, i.e. all of the oscillators have the same in-degree. Note that (29)-(30) were derived by Abrams et al. [7] not by averaging over an infinite ensemble of finite networks as done by Barlev et al. [8], but by considering the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$ for a single network with full connectivity.

III. RESULTS

We now consider the solutions of (23)-(28). For concreteness we set $\theta = 0.001$; we also define $\mu = 1/2$ —





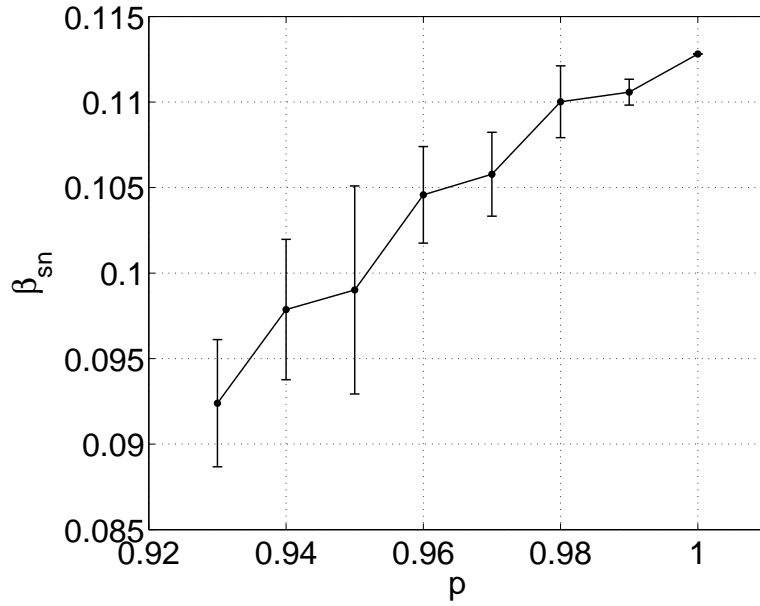


FIG. 7: The values of β_{sn} for which there is a saddle-node bifurcation of fixed points of (25)-(28) and (31)-(32) for Erdős-Rényi-type random matrices A, B, C and D , as a function of p . At each value of p , 10 realisations of the random matrices were used, and the mean and standard deviation of the 10 β_{sn} are shown. Other parameters: $N = 300$, $E = 0.2$, $\epsilon = 0.001$.

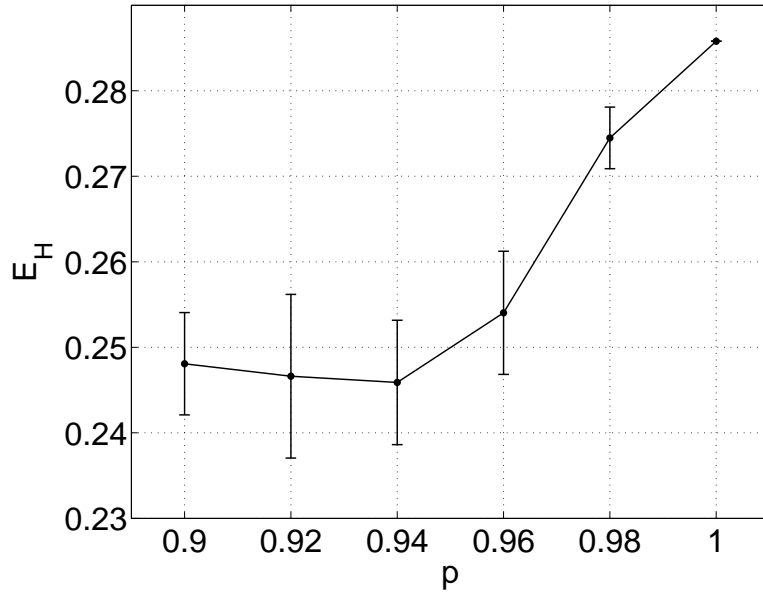
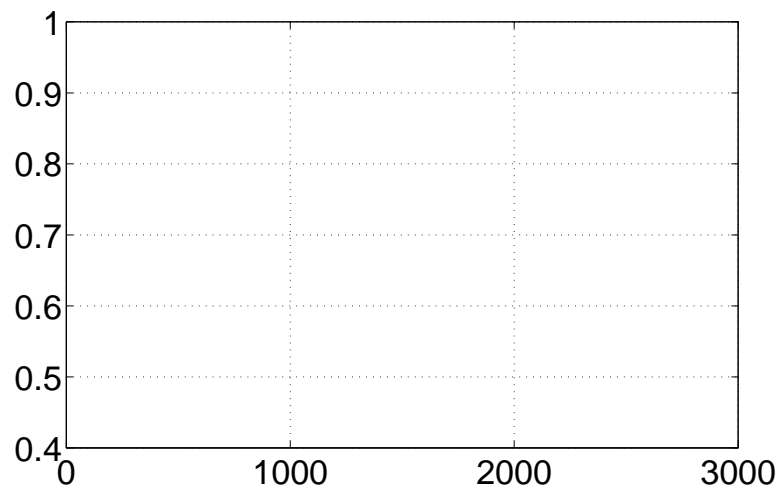
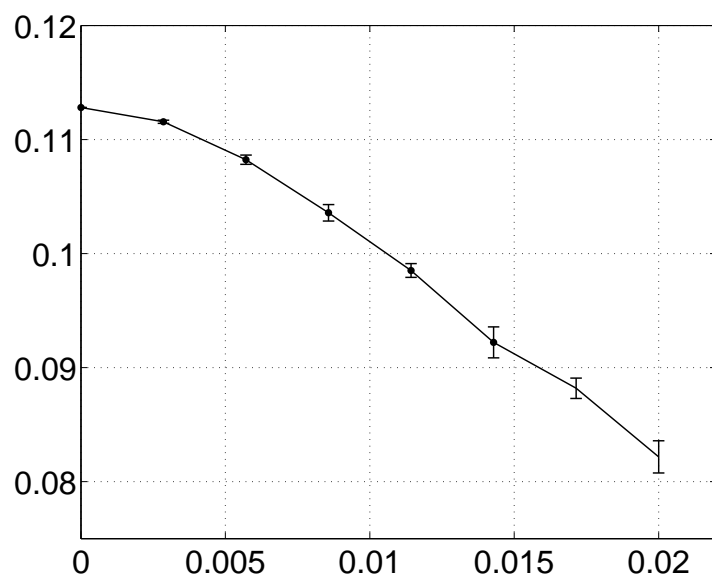


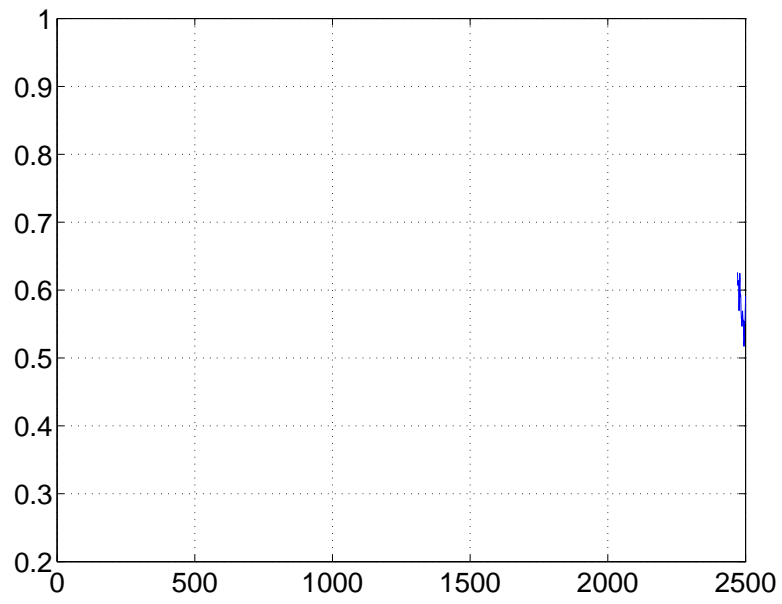
FIG. 8: Values of E at which a Hopf bifurcation of a stable stationary chimera state occurs for an Erdős-Rényi-type network, for different values of p . At each value of p , 10 realisations of the random matrices were used, and the mean and standard deviation of the 10 values of E are shown. Other parameters: $N = 300$, $\epsilon = 0.05$, $\epsilon = 0.001$.

2. Chung-Lu-type networks

We now consider a second type of perturbation from the fully-connected case in which edges are removed preferentially so as to create a specific skewed degree distribution. The algorithm we use to create these networks is motivated by the Chung-Lu algorithm [26]. We begin by assigning to each oscillator in a subnetwork a weight $w_i = N(i/N)^r$, where $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ is the oscillator number within the network.







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