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Criticality → PL distributed spatial and temporal correlation lengths





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+ noise reduction \rightarrow graph

undirected, weighted









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The degree distribution of **10** large human connectomes obtained by DMRI DTR algorithm has been analyzed by Max likelihood + Akaike Criterion, for **6** models:



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Power-law tails with exponents ~ 3 In-out strength pdf-s : faster than PL decay

Fruit-fly degree distributions



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PL tail was fitted (I.A. Kovacs et al)



For the full fly brain the PL degree distribution fit breaks down

Fly node strengths (weight) distributions



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Fat tails, but faster than PL decay

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Full fly





FIG. 1: Weight distribution of the fruit-fly connectome. Right inset: adjacency matrix plot of the fruit-fly connectome. Left inset: full adjacency matrix down-sampled with a max pooling kernel of size 10×10 . Black dots denote connections between presynaptic and postsynaptic neurons. Right inset: zoom-in to the center of the matrix without down-sampling.

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Mouse retina

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Human in-out weights

