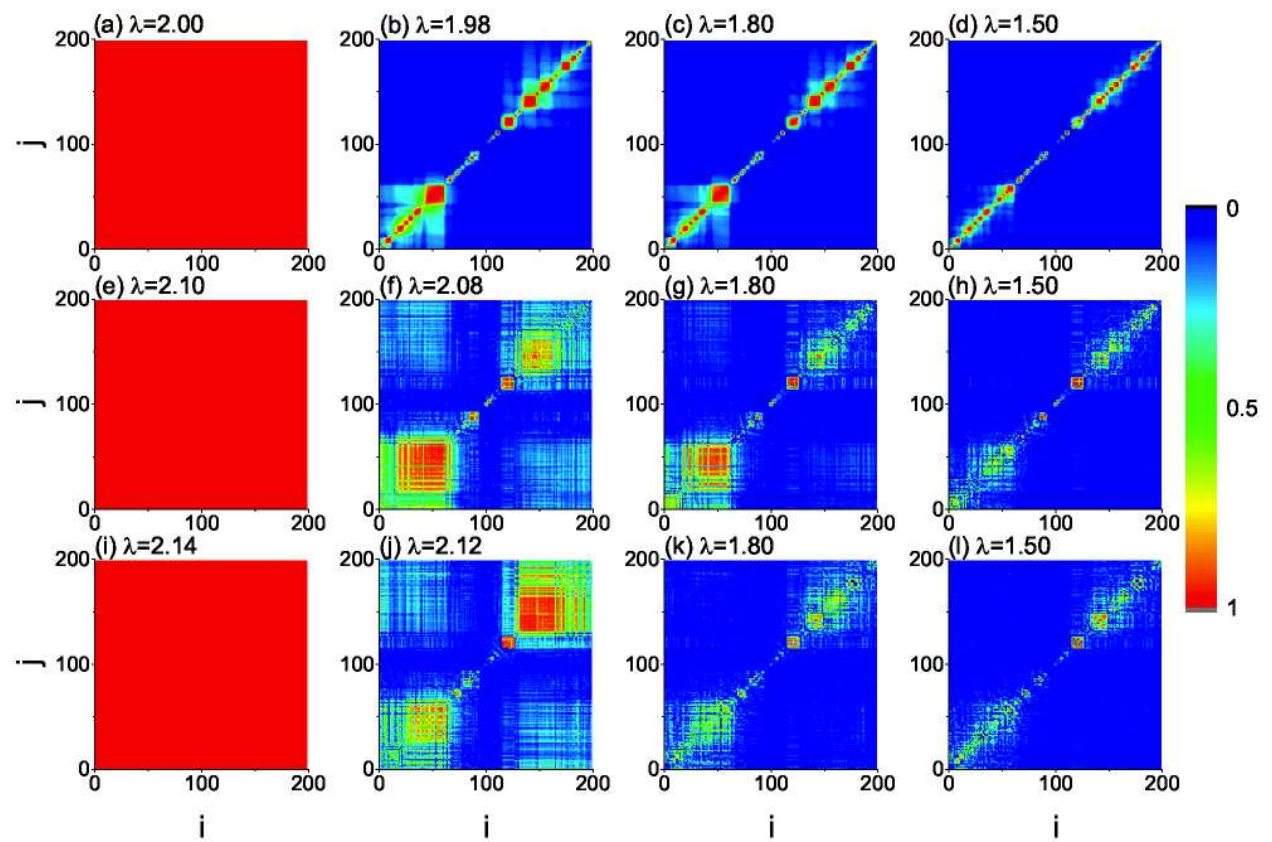


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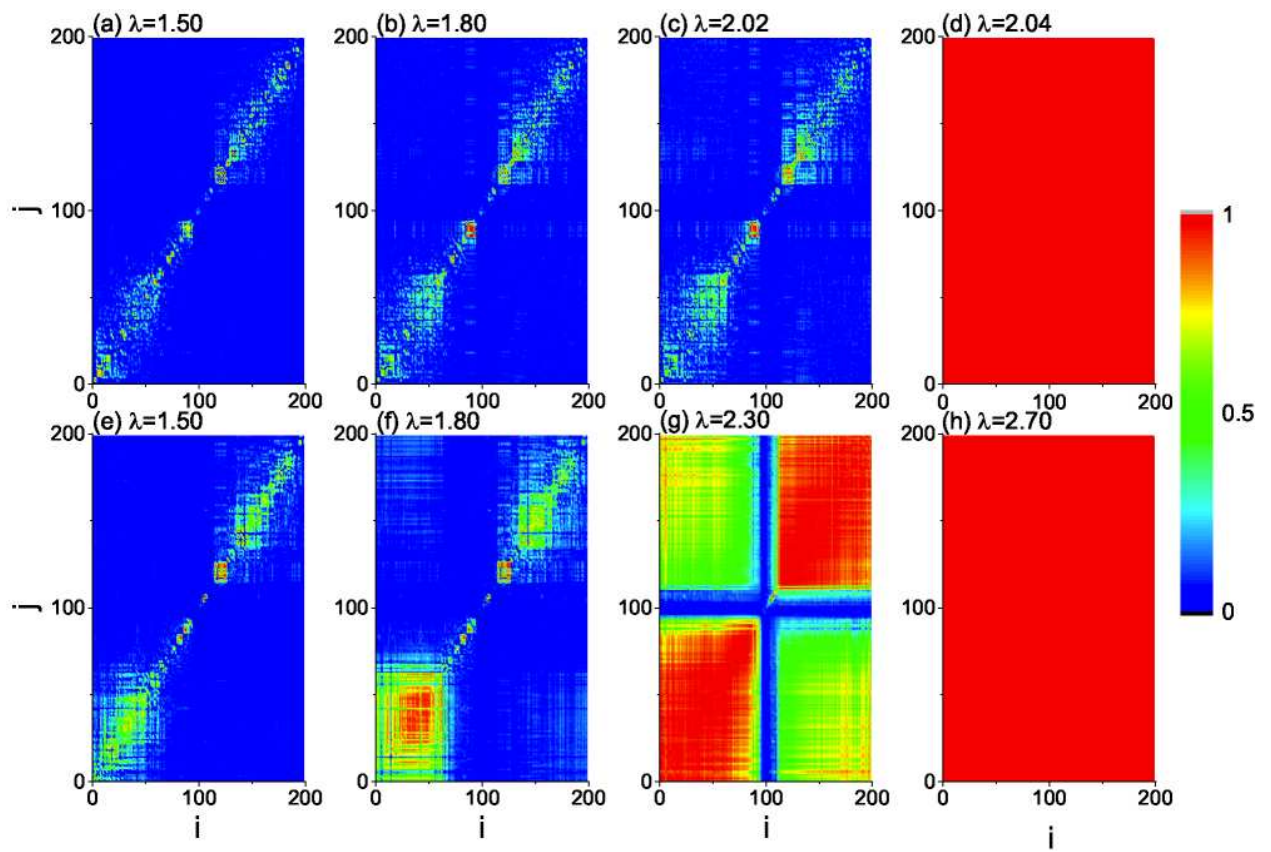
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1 Supplementary Figures

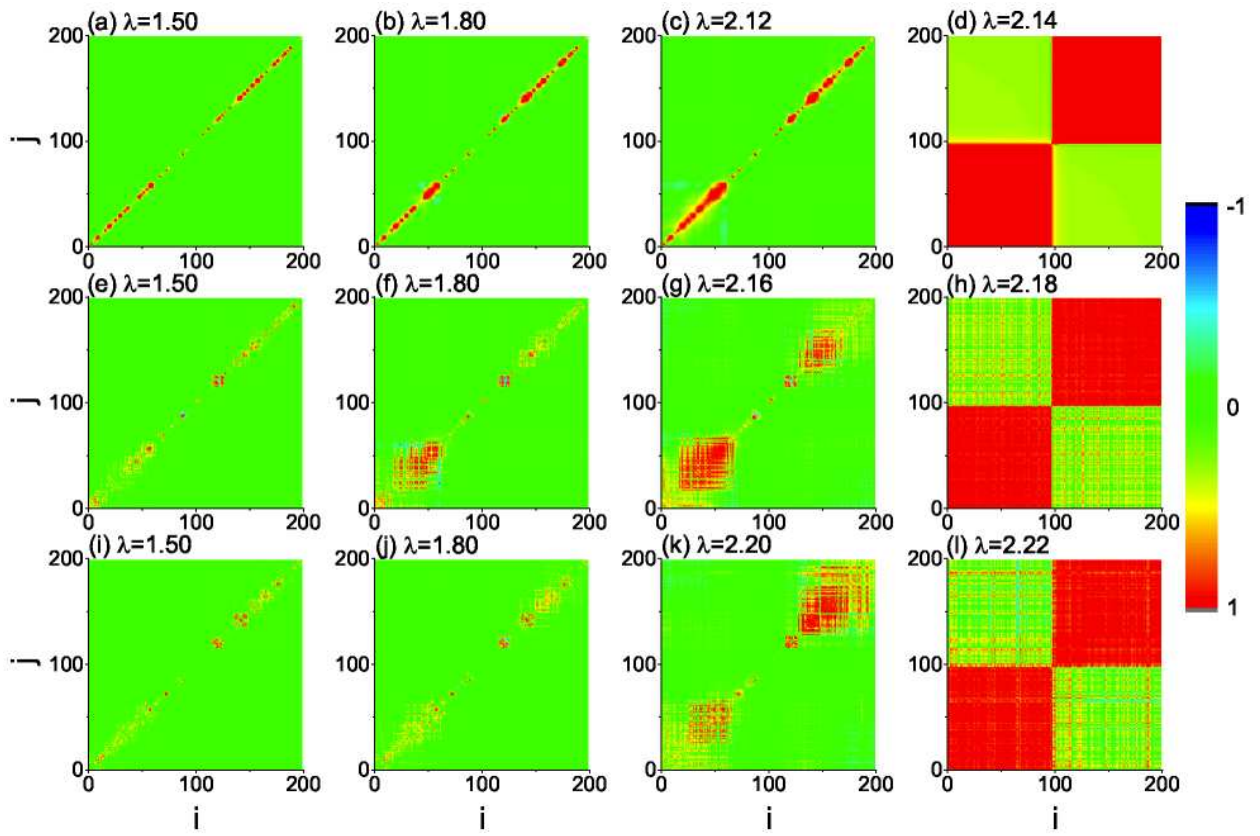
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2 Supplementary Movie

Figure 1 (Color online.) **Case of backward transition corresponding Fig. 2 in main text.**

Plots of the matrix R_{ij} for fully connected (first line), ER (second line) and UCM (third line) networks, where the oscillator i is labeled by the ascending order of frequency ω_i . The coupling strengths are $\lambda = 2.0, 1.98, 1.8,$ and 1.5 in (a)-(d) ($\lambda_c = 1.99$); $\lambda = 2.1, 2.08, 1.8,$ and 1.5 in (e)-(h) ($\lambda_c = 2.09$); and $\lambda = 2.14, 2.12, 1.8,$ and 1.5 in (i)-(l) ($\lambda_c = 2.13$).

Figure 2 (Color online.) **Local order parameter R_{ij} for the case of varying P (see main text for definitions).**

Data to be compared with Fig.4(a) of the main text. First line: Plots of the matrix R_{ij} with $P = 0.63$ and $\lambda_c = 2.03$, where the coupling strengths are set to be $\lambda = 1.5$ (a), $\lambda = 1.8$ (b), $\lambda = 2.02$ (c), and $\lambda = 2.04$ (d). Second line: Plots of the matrix R_{ij} with $P = 0.41$, where the coupling strengths are set to be $\lambda = 1.5$ (e), $\lambda = 1.8$ (f), $\lambda = 2.3$ (g), and $\lambda = 2.7$ (h). Notice that, in (e)-(h), the small original synchronized clusters gradually merge together to form a giant synchronized cluster, indicating a second-order transition.

Figure 3 (Color online.) **Measuring cross correlation by $F_{ij} = \langle \cos(\theta_i - \theta_j) \rangle$.**

Plots of the matrix F_{ij} , for fully connected (first line), ER (second line) and UCM (third line) networks. The coupling strengths are $\lambda = 1.5, 1.8, 2.12,$ and 2.14 in (a)-(d) ($\lambda_c = 2.13$); $\lambda = 1.5, 1.8, 2.16,$ and 2.18 in (e)-(h) ($\lambda_c = 2.17$); and $\lambda = 1.5, 1.8, 2.20,$ and 2.22 in (i)-(l) ($\lambda_c = 2.21$).