



S1 Fig. A spectrum of communication processes. (a) Averages of C_{λ}^{trans} (red) and C_{λ}^{info} (blue) across all node pairs, as a function of λ . Solid red and blue lines correspond to the median across all subjects, whereas the shaded red and blue regions denote the 95th percentile. Vertical dashed lines correspond to the values $\lambda_1=e^{-4.19}$, $\lambda_2=e^{-2.16}$, $\lambda_3=e^{-0.42}$ and $\lambda_4=e^{1.31}$. (b) Averages of $\|C_{\lambda}^{trans}\|$ (red) and $\|C_{\lambda}^{info}\|$ (blue) across all node pairs. These curves are computed by normalizing C_{λ}^{trans} and C_{λ}^{info} with respect to the same cost measures computed on ensembles of 500 randomized networks (per subject). Shaded red and blue areas indicate sections of the curves $\|C_{\lambda}^{trans}\|$ and $\|C_{\lambda}^{info}\|$ that are smaller than 1, respectively, indicating the regions in the spectrum where the communication cost of empirical networks is smaller than the cost computed on the randomized ensembles. The dashed vertical lines are placed at the minimum and maximum of $\|C_{\lambda}^{trans}\|$ (λ_2 and λ_3 , respectively), and at two points near the extremes of the spectrum (λ_1 and λ_4). (c) pairwise values of $C_{\lambda}^{trans}(i,t)$ for all node pairs. (d) pairwise values of $C_{\lambda}^{info}(i,t)$ for all node pairs. For the panels $\lambda_1=e^{-4.19}$, $\lambda_2=e^{-2.16}$, $\lambda_3=e^{-0.42}$ and $\lambda_4=e^{1.31}$.