

# Coupled Oscillators with Chiral Interactions

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**Chiral Kuramoto model**

**The problem: chiral versus non-chiral**

**Nonlinear PDE for the free energy**

**Variational approach**

**Phase diagram**

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## CHIRAL KURAMOTO MODEL

$N$  phases

$$\phi_i \in [0, 2\pi], \quad \boldsymbol{\phi} = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_N)$$

$$H(\boldsymbol{\phi}) = -\frac{J}{N} \sum_{i < j} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j - \alpha), \quad J > 0$$

- oscillators aim for:  $\phi_j = \phi_i - \alpha$  for all  $i < j$
- rewrite  $H$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} H(\boldsymbol{\phi}) &= -\frac{J \cos(\alpha)}{N} \sum_{i < j} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j) - \frac{J \sin(\alpha)}{N} \sum_{i < j} \sin(\phi_i - \phi_j) \\ &= -\frac{J \cos(\alpha)}{2N} \sum_{i \neq j} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j) - \frac{J \sin(\alpha)}{N} \sum_{i < j} \sin(\phi_i - \phi_j) \end{aligned}$$

## Generalized version

*External synchronizing forces,  
promoting  $\phi_i = \psi$  for all  $i$*

$$H(\boldsymbol{\phi}) = -\frac{J}{N} \sum_{i < j} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j - \alpha) - K \sum_i \cos(\phi_i - \psi)$$

*partition function  $Z_N$ ,  
free energy per oscillator  $f_N$*

$$Z_N = \int d\boldsymbol{\phi} e^{-\beta H(\boldsymbol{\phi})} \quad f_N = -(\beta N)^{-1} \log Z_N$$

## CHIRAL VERSUS NON-CHIRAL

notation:

(modified Bessel functions)

$$I_n(z) = (2\pi)^{-1} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\phi \cos(n\phi) e^{z \cos(\phi)}$$

**Decoupled oscillators:**  $J = 0$

$$H(\phi) = -K \sum_i \cos(\phi_i - \psi)$$

Here:

$$\begin{aligned} f_N &= -\frac{1}{\beta N} \log \int d\phi e^{-\beta H(\phi)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\beta N} \log \int d\phi e^{\beta K \sum_i \cos(\phi_i - \psi)} \\ &= -\frac{1}{\beta N} \log \left[ \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi - \psi)} \right]^N \\ &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \log \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi - \psi)} = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log [2\pi I_0(\beta K)] \end{aligned}$$

- no collective processes, no singularities in  $f$ , no phase transitions ...

**Non-chiral Kuramoto model:**  $\alpha = 0$

$$H(\phi) = -\frac{J}{N} \sum_{i<j} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j) - K \sum_i \cos(\phi_i - \psi)$$

solved in five steps:

(i) *symmetrize Hamiltonian:*

$$\begin{aligned} Z_N &= \int d\phi e^{\frac{\beta J}{N} \sum_{i<j} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j) + \beta K \sum_i \cos(\phi_i - \psi)} \\ &= \int d\phi e^{\frac{\beta J}{2N} \sum_{ij} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j) - \frac{1}{2}\beta J + \beta K \sum_i \cos(\phi_i - \psi)} \\ &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J} \int d\phi e^{\frac{\beta J}{2N} [\sum_i \cos(\phi_i)]^2 + \frac{1}{2N}\beta J [\sum_i \sin(\phi_i)]^2 + \beta K \sum_i \cos(\phi_i - \psi)} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) *Gaussian linearization:*

$$\begin{aligned} Z_N &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J} \int d\phi e^{\beta K \sum_i \cos(\phi_i - \psi)} \int \frac{dx}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2 + x\sqrt{\beta J/N} \sum_i \cos(\phi_i)} \\ &\quad \times \int \frac{dy}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}y^2 + y\sqrt{\beta J/N} \sum_i \sin(\phi_i)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_N &= e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J} \int \frac{dx dy}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x^2+y^2)} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \int d\phi e^{x\sqrt{\beta J/N} \cos(\phi) + y\sqrt{\beta J/N} \sin(\phi) + \beta K \cos(\phi-\psi)} \right\}^N \\
&= e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J} \int \frac{dx dy}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x^2+y^2)} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ \int d\phi e^{\cos(\phi) \sqrt{[x\sqrt{\beta J/N} + \beta K \cos(\psi)]^2 + [y\sqrt{\beta J/N} + \beta K \sin(\psi)]^2}} \right\}^N \\
&= \beta J N (2\pi)^N e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J} \int \frac{dx dy}{2\pi} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J N (x^2+y^2)} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ I_0 \left( \beta \sqrt{[Jx + K \cos(\psi)]^2 + [Jy + K \sin(\psi)]^2} \right) \right\}^N
\end{aligned}$$

(iv) switch to polar coordinates:

$$(x, y) = r(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Z_N &= \beta J N (2\pi)^N e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J} \int_0^\infty dr r e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J N r^2} \int \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ I_0 \left( \beta \sqrt{[Jr \cos(\theta) + K \cos(\psi)]^2 + [Jr \sin(\theta) + K \sin(\psi)]^2} \right) \right\}^N \\
&= \beta J N (2\pi)^N e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J} \int_0^\infty dr r e^{-\frac{1}{2}\beta J N r^2} \int \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \\
&\quad \times \left\{ I_0 \left( \beta \sqrt{J^2 r^2 + K^2 + 2JKr \cos(\theta - \psi)} \right) \right\}^N
\end{aligned}$$

$$Z_N = \int dr d\theta e^N \left\{ \log \left[ 2\pi I_0 \left( \beta \sqrt{J^2 r^2 + K^2 + 2JKr \cos(\theta)} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \beta J r^2 \right\} + \mathcal{O}(\log N)$$

(v) limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$  by steepest descent:  
(Laplace)

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} f_N = - \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\beta N} \log Z_N \\ &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \max_{r, \theta} \left\{ \log \left[ 2\pi I_0 \left( \beta \sqrt{J^2 r^2 + K^2 + 2JKr \cos(\theta)} \right) \right] - \frac{1}{2} \beta J r^2 \right\} \\ &= \min_{q, \theta} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} J q^2 - \frac{1}{\beta} \log \left[ 2\pi I_0 \left( \beta \sqrt{J^2 q^2 + K^2 + 2JKq \cos(\theta)} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &= \min_q \left\{ \frac{1}{2} J q^2 - \frac{1}{\beta} \log \left[ 2\pi I_0 \left( \beta \sqrt{J^2 q^2 + K^2 + 2JKq} \right) \right] \right\} \\ &= \min_q \left\{ \frac{1}{2} J q^2 - \frac{1}{\beta} \log [2\pi I_0[\beta(K + Jq)]] \right\} \end{aligned}$$

**summary of solution for  
non-chiral Kuramoto model**

$$f = \min_{q \geq 0} f(q)$$

$$f(q) = \frac{1}{2} J q^2 - \frac{1}{\beta} \log [2\pi I_0[\beta(K + Jq)]]$$

- $f'(q) = 0$ :

$$q = \frac{I_1[\beta(K + Jq)]}{I_0[\beta(K + Jq)]}$$

- *physical meaning*:

$$q^2 = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \langle [N^{-1} \sum_i \cos(\phi_i)]^2 \rangle + \langle [N^{-1} \sum_i \sin(\phi_i)]^2 \rangle \right]$$

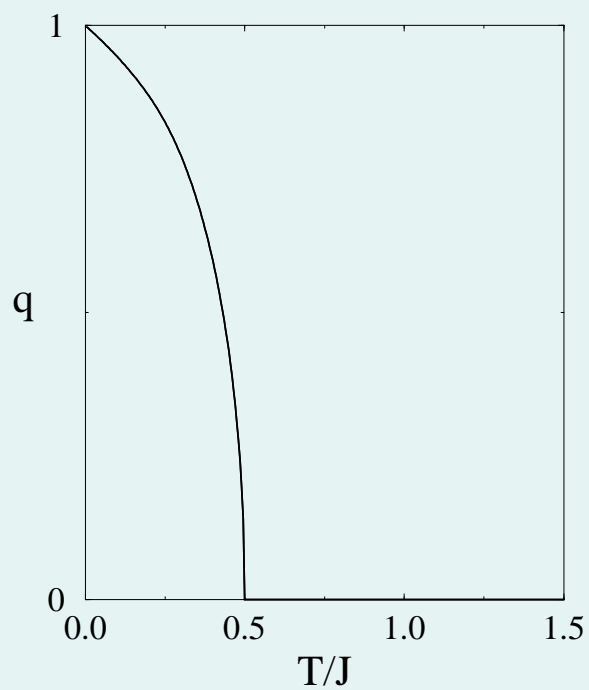


$K > 0$ : no phase transition

$K = 0$ : transition at  $\beta J = 2$

$T/J > \frac{1}{2}$ : no synchronization

$T/J < \frac{1}{2}$ : synchronization



## EQN FOR FREE ENERGY PER OSCILLATOR

### Effect of adding one oscillator

$N$  oscillators:

$$Z_N[K, J, \psi] = \int d\phi e^{\frac{\beta J}{N} \sum_{i<j}^N \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j - \alpha) + \beta K \sum_{i=1}^N \cos(\phi_i - \psi)}$$

$N + 1$  oscillators:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{N+1}[K, J, \psi] &= \int d\phi_{N+1} \int d\phi e^{\frac{\beta J}{N+1} \sum_{i<j}^N \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j - \alpha) + \beta K \sum_{i=1}^{N+1} \cos(\phi_i - \psi)} \\ &\quad \times e^{\frac{\beta J}{N+1} \sum_{i=1}^N \cos(\phi_i - \phi_{N+1} - \alpha)} \\ &= \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi - \psi)} \times \\ &\quad Z_N \left[ \sqrt{K^2 + \left[\frac{J}{N+1}\right]^2 + \frac{2KJ}{N+1} \cos(\psi - \phi - \alpha)}, \frac{JN}{N+1}, \arctan[\dots] \right] \\ &= \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi)} \times \\ &\quad Z_N \left[ \sqrt{K^2 + \frac{J^2}{(N+1)^2} + \frac{2KJ}{N+1} \cos(\phi + \alpha)}, \frac{JN}{N+1}, \arctan[\dots] \right] \end{aligned}$$

note:

$Z_N$  indep of  $\psi$ , so:

$$Z_{N+1}[K, J] = \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi)} \\ \times Z_N \left[ \sqrt{K^2 + \frac{J^2}{(N+1)^2} + \frac{2KJ}{N+1} \cos(\phi + \alpha)}, \frac{NJ}{N+1} \right]$$

in terms of

$$f_N[K, J] = -(\beta N)^{-1} \log Z_N[K, J]$$

one finds

$$f_{N+1}[K, J] = -\frac{1}{\beta(N+1)} \log \left\{ \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi)} \right. \\ \left. \times e^{-\beta N f_N[\sqrt{K^2 + J^2/(N+1)^2 + 2KJ \cos(\phi + \alpha)/(N+1)}, JN/(N+1)]} \right\}$$

**Large  $N$**

$$f_N[K \sqrt{1 + 2J \cos(\phi + \alpha)/KN} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-2}), \frac{JN}{N+1}] = \\ f_N[K, J] + \frac{J}{N} \left\{ \cos(\phi + \alpha) \frac{\partial}{\partial K} f_N[K, J] - \frac{\partial}{\partial J} f_N[K, J] \right\} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N^2}\right)$$

*Insert:*

$$f_{N+1}[K, J] = \frac{N}{(N+1)} f_N[K, J] - \frac{1}{\beta(N+1)} \log \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi) - \beta J [\cos(\phi+\alpha) \frac{\partial}{\partial K} f_N[K, J] - \frac{\partial}{\partial J} f_N[K, J]]} + \dots$$

$$F_N = N f_N:$$

$$F_{N+1}[K, J] = F_N[K, J] - \beta^{-1} \log \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi) - \beta J [\cos(\phi+\alpha) \frac{\partial}{\partial K} f_N[K, J] - \frac{\partial}{\partial J} f_N[K, J]]} + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

*iterate from  $N$  up to  $2N$ :*

$$F_{2N}[K, J] - F_N[K, J] = -\frac{N}{\beta} \log \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi) - \beta J [\cos(\phi+\alpha) \frac{\partial}{\partial K} f_N[K, J] - \frac{\partial}{\partial J} f_N[K, J]]} + \mathcal{O}(N^0)$$

$$2f_{2N}[K, J] - f_N[K, J] = -\frac{1}{\beta} \log \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi) - \beta J [\cos(\phi+\alpha) \frac{\partial}{\partial K} f_N[K, J] - \frac{\partial}{\partial J} f_N[K, J]]} + \mathcal{O}(N^{-1})$$

$$f = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} f_N[K, J]:$$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= -\frac{1}{\beta} \log \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi) - \beta J [\cos(\phi + \alpha) \frac{\partial f}{\partial K} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial J}]} \\ &= -J \frac{\partial f}{\partial J} - \frac{1}{\beta} \log \int d\phi e^{\beta K \cos(\phi) - \beta J \cos(\phi + \alpha) \frac{\partial f}{\partial K}} \\ &= -J \frac{\partial f}{\partial J} - \frac{1}{\beta} \log \int d\phi e^{\beta \cos(\phi) \sqrt{K^2 + J^2 (\frac{\partial f}{\partial K})^2 - 2KJ \cos(\alpha) (\frac{\partial f}{\partial K})}} \end{aligned}$$

**Final result**

$$f = -J \frac{\partial f}{\partial J} - \frac{1}{\beta} \log \left\{ 2\pi I_0 \left[ \beta \sqrt{K^2 + J^2 \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial K} \right)^2 - 2KJ \cos(\alpha) \frac{\partial f}{\partial K}} \right] \right\}$$

*exact for any  $\alpha$ !*

*special case:*

*non-chiral Kuramoto model*

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$f = -J \frac{\partial f}{\partial J} - \frac{1}{\beta} \log \left\{ 2\pi I_0 \left[ \beta \left( K - J \frac{\partial f}{\partial K} \right) \right] \right\}$$

*solved by*

$$f[K, J] = \min_{q \geq 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} J q^2 - \frac{1}{\beta} \log [2\pi I_0[\beta(K + Jq)]] \right\}$$

## VARIATIONAL APPROACH

### Strategy

for any trial Hamiltonian  $\tilde{H}$ ,  
with equilibrium averages  $\langle \dots \rangle_0$   
and free energy  $\tilde{f}$

$$f \leq \tilde{f} + N^{-1} \langle H(\phi) - \tilde{H}(\phi) \rangle_0$$

variational approximation:

$$f^* = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\tilde{H}} \{ \tilde{f} + N^{-1} \langle H(\phi) - \tilde{H}(\phi) \rangle_0 \}$$

## Simple trial Hamiltonian

$$\tilde{H}(\phi) = \sum_i V(\phi_i) : \quad f^* = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \min_{\{\tilde{V}_i\}} \{ \tilde{f} + N^{-1} \langle H(\phi) - \tilde{H}(\phi) \rangle_0 \}$$

- *minimum:*

$$V_i(\phi) = -\lambda_i \cos(\phi - \omega_i)$$

- *large  $N$ :*

$$\lambda_i \rightarrow \lambda(x), \quad \omega_i \rightarrow \omega(x), \quad x = i/N$$

- *solve eqns:*

$$\lambda(x) = \lambda, \quad \omega(x) = \omega_0 - 2\Omega x$$



## resulting variational approximation

$$f^*[K, J] = \min_{\{\lambda, \omega_0, \Omega\}} \left\{ -\frac{1}{\beta} \log[2\pi I_0(\beta\lambda)] + \lambda \frac{I_1(\beta\lambda)}{I_0(\beta\lambda)} + \frac{K}{2\Omega} [\sin(\omega_0 - 2\Omega) - \sin(\omega_0)] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{J}{2\Omega^2} \frac{I_1^2(\beta\lambda)}{I_0^2(\beta\lambda)} [\sin(\Omega) \sin(\alpha - \Omega) - \Omega \sin(\alpha)] \right\}$$

*observation:*

$f^*[K, J]$  solves the exact eqn

$$f = -J \frac{\partial f}{\partial J} - \frac{1}{\beta} \log \left\{ 2\pi I_0 \left[ \beta \sqrt{K^2 + J^2 \left( \frac{\partial f}{\partial K} \right)^2 - 2KJ \cos(\alpha) \frac{\partial f}{\partial K}} \right] \right\}$$

hence  $f[K, J] = f^*[K, J]$

*solution found!*

## PHASE DIAGRAM

order parameter eqns

$$\tan(\Omega) = \tan(\omega_0), \quad \sin(\alpha - \Omega) = \frac{K \sin(\alpha)}{\lambda}, \quad \Omega = \frac{J \sin(\alpha)}{\lambda} \frac{I_1(\beta\lambda)}{I_0(\beta\lambda)}$$

*minimum for  $K = 0$ :*

$$\frac{I_1(\beta\lambda)}{I_0(\beta\lambda)} = \frac{\alpha\lambda}{J \sin(\alpha)}$$

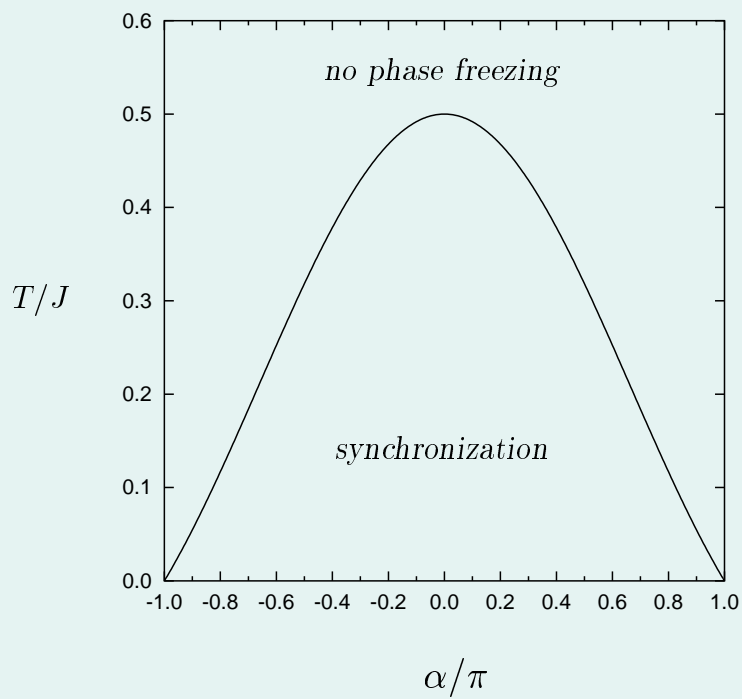
*bifurcation of  $\lambda \neq 0$ :*

*(synchronization transition)*

$$T_c/J = \frac{\sin(\alpha)}{2\alpha}$$

phase diagram of  
chiral Kuramoto model:

$$H = -\frac{J}{N} \sum_{i < j} \cos(\phi_i - \phi_j - \alpha)$$



## Some open questions

- *Are models of coupled oscillators with chiral interactions relevant?*
- *Is there a simpler (more direct) method for solving them?*
- *Does the present method also work for more complicated cases?  
(derive non-linear PDE for the free energy, find variational solution, show that it solves the PDE)*
- *Are saddle-point solutions with higher winding numbers physically relevant?  
(local minima perhaps, similar to e.g. ‘butterfly’ solutions in Kohonen maps)*
- *Dynamics?*