

Synchronisation with group interactions

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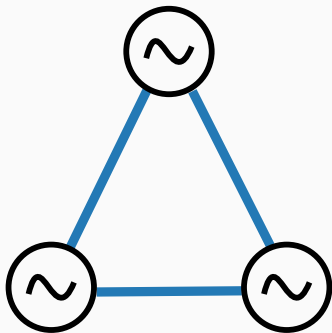
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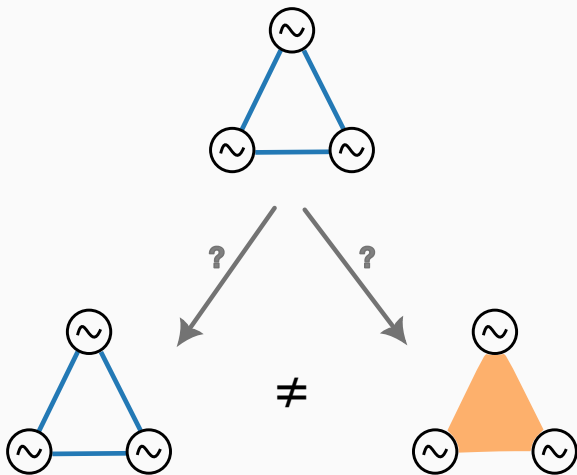
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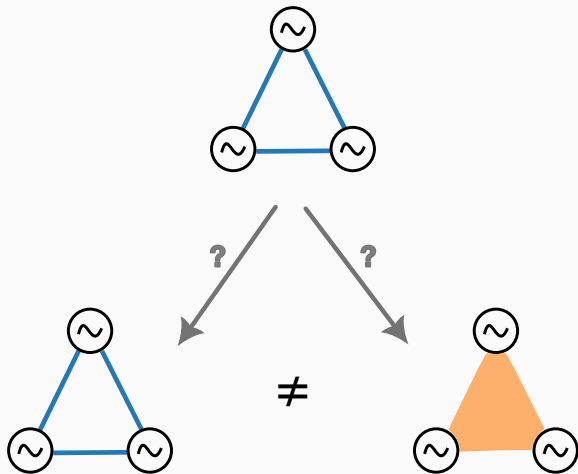
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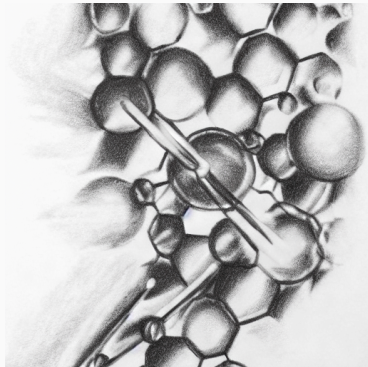


3 papers by 2 authors each

1 paper by 3 authors

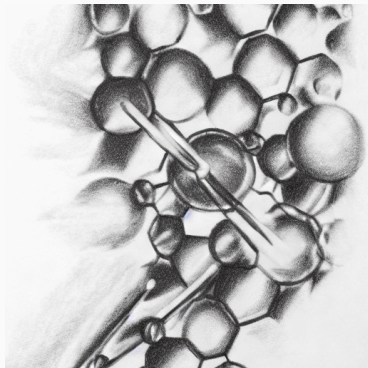
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See our big Phys. Rep. review (Battiston et al., 2020). I was the main responsible for the section on synchronisation.

Group interactions in sync?

Group interactions can be structural..

or naturally appear from phase reduction.:

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}}_i = F(\mathbf{x}) + \epsilon \sum_j \sin(\mathbf{x}_j - \mathbf{x}_i)$$

becomes

$$\dot{\theta}_i = f(\theta_i) + \epsilon \sum_j \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i) + \epsilon^2 \sin(\theta_k + \theta_j - 2\theta_i) + \dots$$

Group interaction can change the dynamics



Group interactions

- can cause explosive sync (Skardal and Arenas, 2019)
- favour chaos (Bick et al., 2016)
- favour clusters (Tanaka, 2011)
- can be inferred from data (Kralemann et al., 2011)
- ...

Now: what we did

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 **Interrupt me with questions!**

Part 1:

The multiorder Laplacian

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We extended the traditional Laplacian to include group interactions → **multiorder Laplacian.**

Traditional pairwise Laplacian

Pairwise Kuramoto model:

$$\dot{\theta}_i = \omega + \frac{\gamma_1}{\langle K^{(1)} \rangle} \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i)$$

Sync is a solution: $\theta_i(t) = \theta_j(t)$ gives us $\theta(t) = \omega t + cst$.

Traditional pairwise Laplacian

Is it linearly stable? Evolution of an infinitesimal and heterogeneous perturbation around it, $\delta\psi_i(t)$.

$$\delta\dot{\psi}_i = - \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{\gamma_1}{\langle K^{(1)} \rangle} L_{ij}^{(1)} \delta\psi_j.$$

with the pairwise Laplacian

$$L_{ij}^{(1)} = K_i \delta_{ij} - A_{ij}$$

Its eigenvalues determine if sync is stable. In particular:

$$\lambda_2 < 0 \quad \text{means stable}$$

Let's start business

The model

Natural generalisation of the Kuramoto model, with **all possible orders** $d = 1, \dots, D$ and **complex structure**:

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{\theta}_i = & \omega + \frac{\gamma_1}{\langle K^{(1)} \rangle} \sum_{j=1}^N A_{ij} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_i) \\ & + \frac{\gamma_2}{2! \langle K^{(2)} \rangle} \sum_{j,k=1}^N B_{ijk} \sin(\theta_j + \theta_k - 2\theta_i) \\ & + \frac{\gamma_3}{3! \langle K^{(3)} \rangle} \sum_{j,k,l=1}^N C_{ijkl} \sin(\theta_j + \theta_k + \theta_l - 3\theta_i) \\ & + \dots \\ & + \frac{\gamma_D}{D! \langle K^{(D)} \rangle} \sum_{j_1, \dots, j_D=1}^N M_{ij_1, \dots, j_D} \sin \left(\sum_{m=1}^D \theta_{j_m} - D\theta_i \right)\end{aligned}$$

where D can be at most $N - 1$ (interaction of N oscillators).

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Introducing the **multi-order Laplacian** $L_{ij}^{(\text{mul})}$, it naturally reduces to just this!

$$\delta\dot{\psi}_i = - \sum_{j=1}^N L_{ij}^{(\text{mul})} \delta\psi_j.$$

Stability is only determined by the eigenvalues of this matrix $L_{ij}^{(\text{mul})}$.

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Laplacian of order d : natural generalisation of traditional Laplacian

$$L_{ij}^{(d)} = \mathbf{d}K_i^{(d)}\delta_{ij} - A_{ij}^{(d)}$$

with, at each order d :

Degree $K_i^{(d)} = \#$ d -simplices incl. i

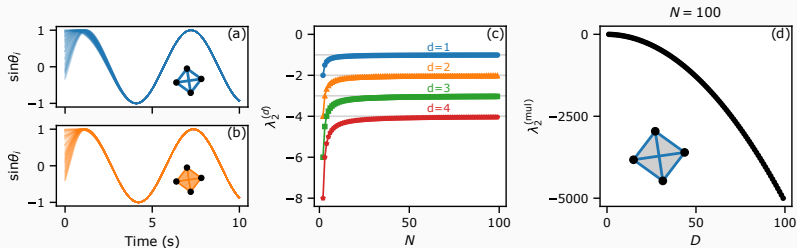
Adjacency $A_{ij}^{(d)} = \#$ d -simplices incl. (i, j)

Ok, let's look at examples

All-to-all attractive

All-to-all at all orders \rightarrow analytical Lyapunov spectrum

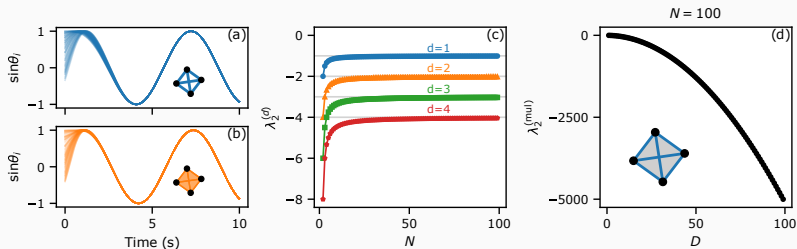
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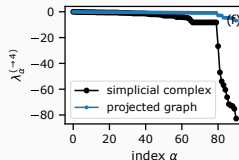
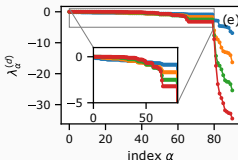
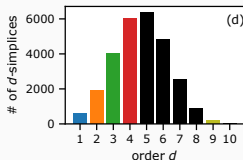
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- including higher orders makes sync more stable



Macaque brain connectome

The multi-order Laplacian can be used to compute the stability of synchronisation in real datasets:



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- Group interactions affect structure and hence influence the stability of sync
- Group interactions seem to make sync **more stable**

Case study 2:
do group interactions promote sync?

Open questions

1. **Do group interactions promote sync?**

examples found in previous studies.

physically plausible: information travels faster

2. **Does the choice of representation matter?**

hypergraphs or simplicial complexes:

no big difference in previous studies

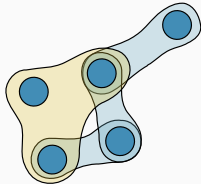
Representation: hypergraphs or simplicial complexes

hypergraph

most general

just a list of hyperedges (set of nodes)

e.g.: $[[1,2], [2,3], [3,4], [2, 4, 5]]$

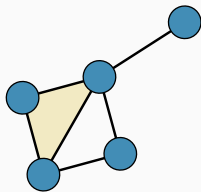


simplicial complex

hypergraph with inclusion condition

add $[[2, 4], [4, 5], [2,5]]$

to close the triangle



So far, choice often based on technical convenience.

Let's use the multiorder Laplacian

Model: constrained total coupling

Same model, with size up to 2

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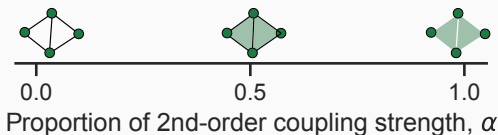
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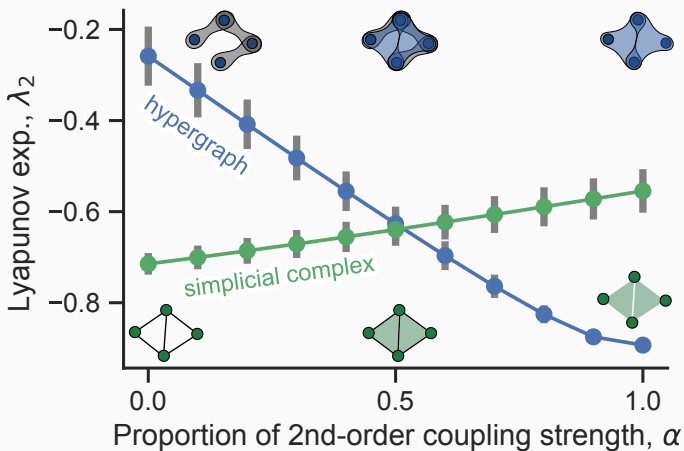
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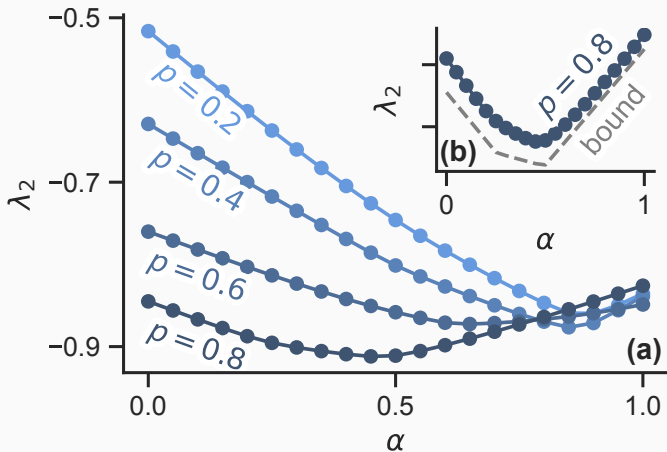
**Fixing the total coupling:
compare edges and triangles fairly**

Simplicial complexes impede sync...

... but random hypergraphs improve it!

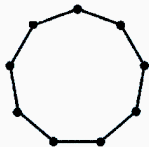


For some parameters, optimum is mixed

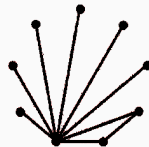
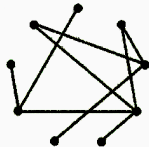


p : probability of linking two nodes

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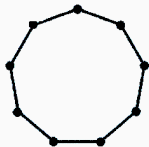


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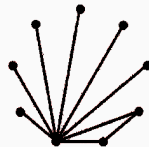
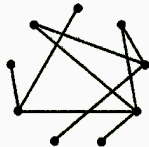


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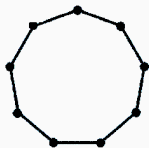


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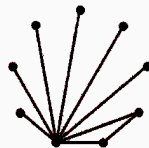
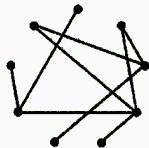
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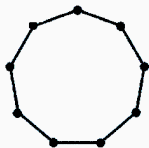
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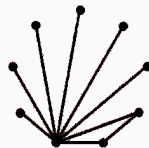
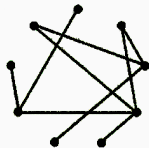
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\blacktriangle strength $\nearrow \rightarrow$ tot. deg. heterogen. $\nearrow \rightarrow$ sync stability \searrow

Summary 2

- Group interactions improve sync in random hypergraphs but impede it in simplicial complexes
- Choice of representation affects **degree heterogeneity**
- **The choice of representation is important!**

Python library: XGI

complex Group Interactions: provides data structures and algorithms for modeling and analyzing complex systems with group (higher-order) interactions.

- Github: <https://github.com/ComplexGroupInteractions/xgi>
- Docs: <https://xgi.readthedocs.io/>
- Tutorials: <https://github.com/ComplexGroupInteractions/xgi/tree/main/tutorials>

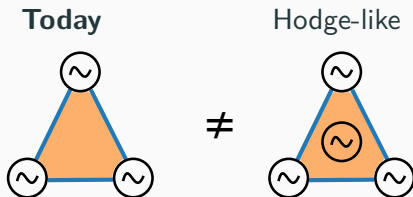


Take home

- Group interactions **can change the** dynamics
- The **multiorder Laplacian** is an extension of the traditional Laplacian
- Group interactions **do not** always promote sync
- The **choice of representation** actually matters

Broadening the discussion

Two parallel lines of research:



The analytical tools are different:
e.g., we cannot use the Hodge Laplacian.

Direct experimental data?

Less datasets with direct measurements of group interactions than pairwise

- <https://github.com/ComplexGroupInteractions/xgi-data>
- <https://www.cs.cornell.edu/~arb/data/>

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Inferring from node time series or pairwise interactions

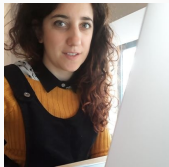
- *Reconstructing phase dynamics of oscillator networks*, Kralemann et al., 2011
- *Principled inference of hyperedges and overlapping communities in hypergraphs*, Contisciani et al., 2022
- *Hypergraph reconstruction from network data*, Young et al., 2021

Final thoughts

- Comparing these models with actual structure and dynamics from experiments?
- Influence of coupling functions?

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Thank you for your attention!

Any questions?

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