# Chimera patterns and solitary synchronization waves in distributed oscillator populations

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# Contents of this talk: Chimera patterns in the Kuramoto-Battogtokh model

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# Solitary synchronization waves

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# Kuramoto-Battogtokh model as a set of partial differential equations

**Original KB model: Integral equation** 

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \omega - \int_0^L G(x - \tilde{x}) \sin(\varphi(x, t) - \varphi(\tilde{x}, t) - \alpha) d\tilde{x}$$

Step 1: introduce a coarse-grained complex order parameter

$$Z(x,t) = \langle e^{i\varphi(x,t)} \rangle |_{x - \Delta < x < x + \Delta}$$

Step 2: Apply the Ott-Antonsen ansatz for the dynamics of the order parameter

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} = i\omega Z + \frac{1}{2} \left( He^{-i\alpha} - H^* Z^2 e^{i\alpha} \right) \quad H = \int_0^L G(x - \tilde{x}) Z(\tilde{x}, t) d\tilde{x}$$

Step 3: Exponential kernel corresponds to a differential operator (cf. Lecture of C. Laing)

$$H = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp[-\kappa |x - \tilde{x}|] Z(\tilde{x}, t) d\tilde{x} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x^2} - \kappa^2 H = -\kappa^2 Z$$

Step 4: Apply this to a periodic domain (this slightly modifies the kernel)

$$H(0) = H(L), \ \partial_x H(0) = \partial_x H(L) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad G(x) = \frac{\kappa \cosh \kappa (|x| - L/2))}{2 \sinh(\kappa L/2)}$$

**Result: a system of PDEs with periodic boundary conditions** 

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} = i\omega Z + \frac{1}{2} \left( He^{-i\alpha} - H^* Z^2 e^{i\alpha} \right) \qquad \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x^2} - \kappa^2 H = -\kappa^2 Z$$

We do not solve the consistency equation (nonlinear eigenvalue problem) for fixed length of the domain *L*, but find periodic in space and time solutions (standing waves) of the system of PDEs

## ODE for the chimera patterns

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} = i\omega Z + \frac{1}{2} \left( He^{-i\alpha} - H^* Z^2 e^{i\alpha} \right) \qquad \frac{\partial^2 H}{\partial x^2} - \kappa^2 H = -\kappa^2 Z$$

**Rotating wave ansatz:**  $Z(x,t) = z(x)e^{i(\omega+\Omega)t}$ ,  $H(x,t) = h(x)e^{i(\omega+\Omega)t}$ 

**Quadratic equation for z:** 
$$e^{i\alpha}h^*z^2 + 2i\Omega z - e^{-i\alpha}h = 0$$

Second-order ordinary differential equation for complex field h

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2}h - h = \frac{\Omega + \sqrt{\Omega^2 - |h|^2}}{h^* \exp[-i\beta]} \qquad \beta = \pi/2 - \alpha$$

#### Fourth-order complex ODE can be reduced, due to phaserotation invariance, to a three-dimensional real system

$$h(x) = r(x)e^{i\theta(x)}, \quad q(x) = r^2(x)\theta'(x)$$

$$r'' = r + \frac{q^2}{r^3} + \frac{\Omega}{r} \cos \beta - \frac{\sqrt{r^2 - \Omega^2}}{r} \sin \beta$$
  

$$q' = \Omega \sin \beta + \sqrt{r^2 - \Omega^2} \cos \beta$$
  
if  $|r| > |\Omega|$ 

$$r'' = r + \frac{q^2}{r^3} + \frac{\Omega + \sqrt{\Omega^2 - r^2}}{r} \cos \beta$$
  
asynchronous domain -> 
$$q' = \left(\Omega + \sqrt{\Omega^2 - r^2}\right) \sin \beta$$
  
if  $|r| < |\Omega|$ 

### Analytic solutions: one- and two-point chimeras, chimera soliton Case $\alpha = \pi/2, \beta = 0$ is integrable! Dynamics only in the asynchronous domain, but synchrony can be achieved at one or two points

$$\frac{d^2r}{dx^2} = -\frac{dU(r)}{dr}, \quad U(r) = -\frac{r^2}{2} - \sqrt{\Omega^2 - r^2} - \Omega \ln\left(\sqrt{\Omega^2 - r^2} - \Omega\right)$$



## Period-frequency dependencies of singular oneand two-point chimeras



## Perturbation theory close to $\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha = \beta \ll 1$ the integrable case: $\frac{\pi}{2} - \alpha = \beta \ll 1$

#### Synchronous domain now is not a point but has finite length:

$$L_{syn} \approx \sqrt{\frac{8\beta}{\pi N_{SR}\sqrt{|\Omega|(1-|\Omega|)}}} \oint (R'^2 + R^2) dx$$

Here *R* is the solution at  $\beta = 0$ and  $N_{SR}$  is the number of synchronous regions (1 or 2)



## Chimera patterns as periodic orbits of ODE

The system of ODEs for r(x) and q(x) is a reversible third-order system of ODEs with a plethora of solutions, including chaotic ones.







## Stability properties

Essential and discrete spectra [according to O.E. Omel'chenko Nonlinearity 26, 2469 (2013); J. Xie et al. PRE 90, 022919 (2014)]



Only the "standard" Kuramoto-Battogtokh chimera is stable

## **Direct numerical simulations**



## Conclusions to this part

- Many chimera patterns can be found as periodic orbits of an ODE (potentially easier than solving a self-consistency problem)
- For neutral coupling, one-point and two-point chimera can be found analytically (represented as integrals), for nearly neutral coupling a perturbation theory on top of these solutions is developed
- No stable complex chimera patterns found, the only stable one is the KB chimera

# Part 2: Solitary synchronyzation waves

## Oscillatory medium with Laplacian coupling

Start with the KB-type model (1-d medium with non-local coupling)

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \operatorname{Im} \left( H e^{-i\varphi} \right), \quad H(x,t) = e^{-\alpha} \int G(x - \tilde{x}) e^{i\varphi(\tilde{x},t)} d\tilde{x}$$

With Ott-Antonsen ansatz and coarse-grained order parameter Z

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{-i\alpha} H - H^* Z^2 e^{i\alpha} \right), \quad H(x,t) = \int G(x - \tilde{x}) Z(\tilde{x},t) d\tilde{x}$$

We assume a kernel with vanishing mean value (Laplacian coupling)

$$\int G(x)dx = 0 \quad \text{for example} \quad G(x) \sim (x^2 - \sigma^2)e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Exponential kernel - like mean field coupling, enables synchrony



#### Laplacian coupling - allows for any constant level of synchrony



Local dynamics at site *n* is described by the local order parameter  $Z_n$ 

Coupling with nearest neighbours:  $H_n = e^{-i\alpha} (Z_{n-1} + Z_{n+1} - 2Z_n)$ 

$$2\frac{dZ_n}{dt} = e^{-i\alpha}(Z_{n-1} + Z_{n+1} - 2Z_n) - e^{i\alpha}(Z_{n-1}^* + Z_{n+1}^* - 2Z_n^*)Z_n^2$$

A lattice with linear and nonlinear coupling of "complex Ginzburg-Landau" or of "nonlinear Schroedinger" type

### Conservative coupling

We choose  $\alpha = -\pi/2$  and obtain a conservative lattice

$$2\frac{dZ_n}{dt} = i(Z_{n-1} + Z_{n+1} - 2Z_n) + i(Z_{n-1}^* + Z_{n+1}^* - 2Z_n^*)Z_n^2$$

**Spatially uniform solutions:**  $Z_n = \varrho e^{i\theta}$  with any  $0 \le \varrho \le 1$ 

Linear waves on top of this background have dispersion

$$\omega(k) = \sqrt{1 - \varrho^4} (1 - \cos k)$$

**Phase and group velocities:** 

$$\lambda_{ph} = \sqrt{1 - \varrho^4} \frac{1 - \cos k}{k}, \qquad \lambda_{gr} = \sqrt{1 - \varrho^4} \sin k$$

## Solitary waves in the limit of full synchrony

# If all oscillators on a site a synchronised, the problem reduces to a lattice of phase oscillators



$$\frac{dV_n}{dt} = \cos V_{n+1} - \cos V_{n-1}$$



# **Solitary waves close to compactors** Full equations for the lattice: $Z_n = \rho_n e^{i\theta_n}$ $v_n = \theta_n - \theta_{n-1}$

$$\frac{d\rho_n}{dt} = \frac{1 - \rho_n^2}{2} \left( \rho_{n-1} \sin v_n - \rho_{n+1} \sin v_{n+1} \right) \qquad \text{Traveling wave ansatz:} \\ \rho_n(t) = \rho(\tau), \ \theta_n(t) = \theta(\tau) \\ \frac{d\theta_n}{dt} = \frac{1 + \rho_n^2}{2\rho_n} \left( \rho_{n-1} \cos v_n + \rho_{n+1} \cos v_{n+1} - 2\rho_n \right) \qquad \tau = t - \frac{n}{\lambda}$$

Perturbation approach close to full synchrony (close to true compactons)

$$\epsilon = 1 - \rho \ll 1$$
  $\rho(\tau) = \rho + \epsilon r_1(\tau) + \dots \quad v(\tau) = V(\tau) + \epsilon v_1(\tau) + \dots$ 

#### **Analytic expression for the 1st correction:**

$$r_1(\tau) = 1 - \exp\left[\int_{-\infty}^{\tau} \left(\sin V(\tilde{\tau} - 1/\lambda) - \sin V(\tilde{\tau})\right) d\tilde{\tau}\right]$$

### Comparison of approximate and exact solitary waves for Q = 0.9



#### Dashed red curves: approximate solution Blue curves: exact solution

# Exact solitary wave is not compact, but has exponentially decaying, oscillating tails



Examples of compactor-like and kovaton-like solitary waves and the domain on their existence on  $(\varrho, \lambda)$  plane

#### Illustration of solitons in lattice equations



#### **Illustration of solitons in phase equations**



## Nonconservative system: dissipative solitons

$$\frac{dZ_n}{dt} = -\gamma Z_n + \frac{1}{2}(H_n - H_n^* Z_n^2) \qquad H_n = i(Z_{n-1} + Z_{n+1} - 2Z_n) + \mu Z_n$$

**Heterogeneity of oscillators** 

Local attractive coupling

Spatially homogeneous stable level of synchrony  $\varrho_* = \sqrt{(\mu_r - 2\gamma)/\mu_r}$ 



# Dissipative soliton in a chain of phase populations



## Continuous medium with Laplacian coupling

#### Medium of phase oscillators:

$$\frac{\partial \varphi}{\partial t} = \operatorname{Im} \left( He^{-i\varphi} \right), \quad H(x,t) = e^{-i\alpha} \int G(x - \tilde{x}) e^{i\varphi(\tilde{x},t)} d\tilde{x}$$

**Order parameter field (coarse-grained):** 

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{2} \left( H - H^* Z^2 \right), \quad H(x,t) = e^{-i\alpha} \int G(x - \tilde{x}) Z(\tilde{x},t) d\tilde{x}$$

Laplacian kernel coupling:

$$G(x) = A(x^2 - \sigma^2)e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Solitary waves can be found numerically (Newton's method)

## Conservative soliton in a medium with Laplacian coupling



## Conclusions to this part

- Laplacian (local) coupling can be formulated for a medium or for a lattice
- Lattice equations for the complex order parameter resemble nonlinear Schroedinger lattice (for conservative case) or complex Ginzburg-Landau lattice
- Solitary waves can be traced from compactons and kovatons, existing in full synchrony limit
- No theory yet for dissipative solitons