

Workpackage 2 : Network, Dynamics and Control

A coordinated study of coordination :
Clustering and synchronization phenomena

Some collaborative investigations within the IAP

IAP Dynamical Systems, Control and Optimization

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Teams involved:

UCL/INMA

KUL/ KUL1 & KUL2

UGent/SYSTeMS

ULB

ULg/SYST

Main themes:

Multi-agent systems

Control and optimization

Infinite dimensional systems

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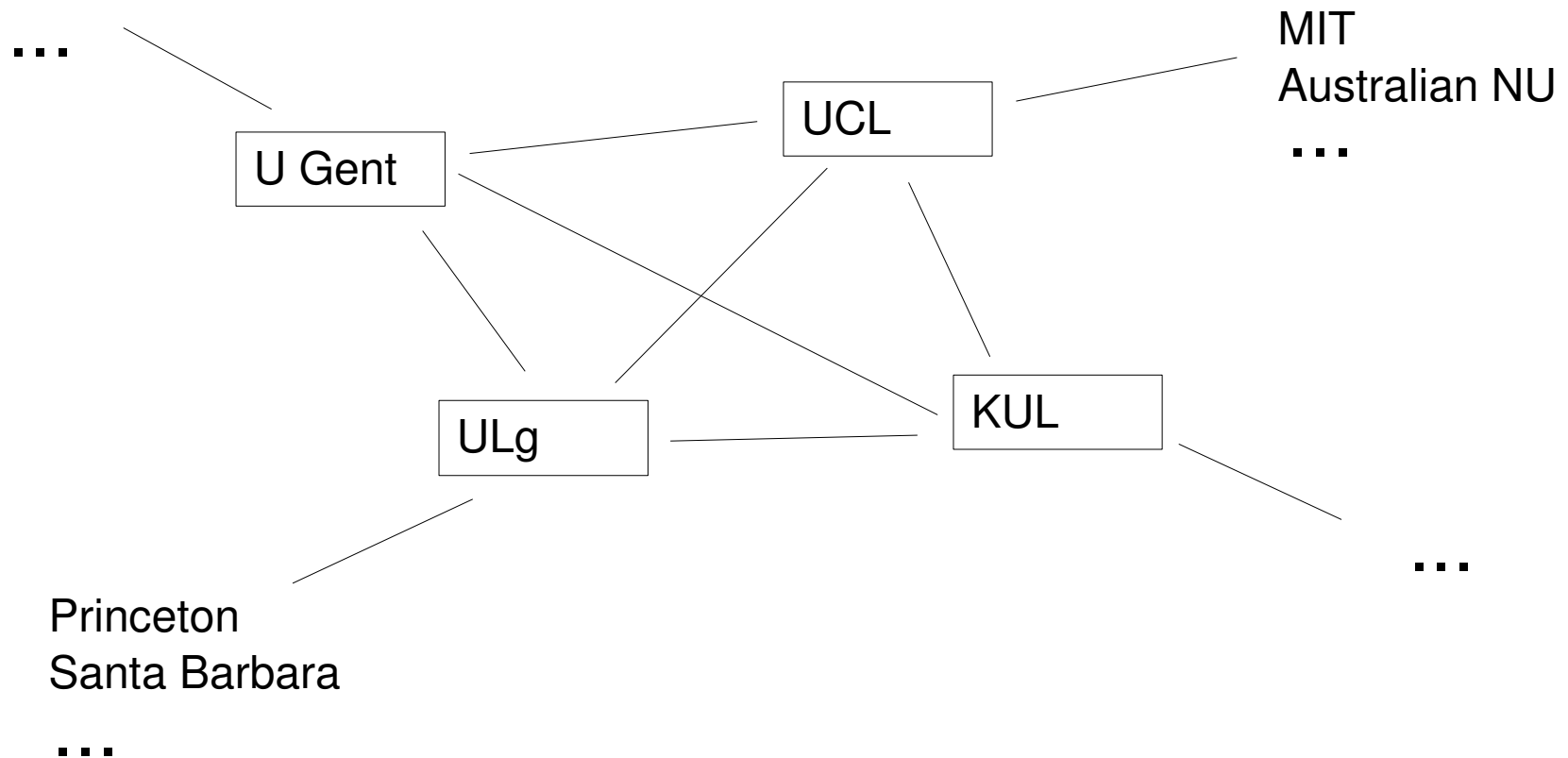
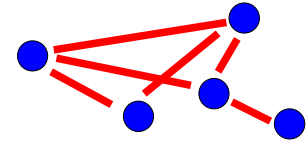
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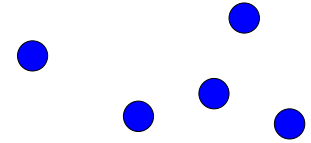
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Complementary expertise



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Distributed state estimation
Platoons and formations

Clustering phenomena
Heterogeneous agents

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Distributed power systems
Coordinated motion design

Synchronization / clustering
Nonlinear spaces, integrate & fire oscillators

KUL

Communication networks

Organizing clusters
Chaotic oscillators, Hodgkin-Huxley

UCL

Distributed controller synthesis

Information flow
State-dependent networks

Diverse levels of interaction



Workshop

Synchronization in Complex Networks, KUL (J. Suykens), 17/10/2008
with international & IAP partners.

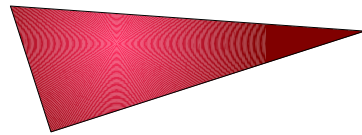
Seminars exchanging speakers among UCL, ULg, KUL

Coordinated research on synchronization & clustering

UGent: Aeyels
Heterogeneous agents
De Smet PhD < 2008

ULg: Sepulchre
Nonlinear spaces, int.&fire
Sarlette PhD > 2008

UCL: Blondel
State-dependent graph
Hendrickx PhD = 2008



Success story I > Global consensus behavior on the circle

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Kuramoto model

$$\frac{d}{dt}\theta_k = \omega_k + \alpha \sum \sin(\theta_j - \theta_k)$$

Consensus in \mathbb{R}

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_k = \sum a_{jk}(x_j - x_k)$$

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Influence of networks, interaction graphs, information flow

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Coordinated motion: agree on steering angle θ_k , trajectory curvature ω_k



Consensus on the circle

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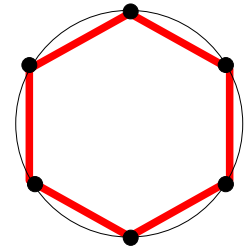
Q: Global synchronization behavior ?

Success story I > Path A : simple dynamics, full geometry

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$$\frac{d}{dt}\theta_k = \sum a_{jk} \sin(\theta_j - \theta_k)$$

- local equilibria with undirected graphs
- alternative control laws for global synchronization
- extension to compact homogeneous manifolds

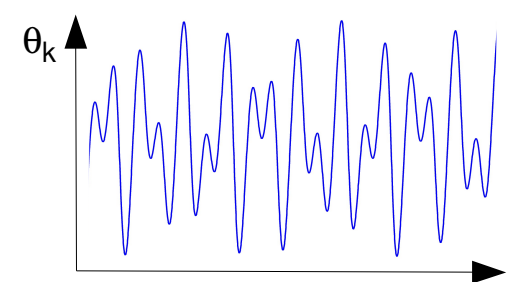
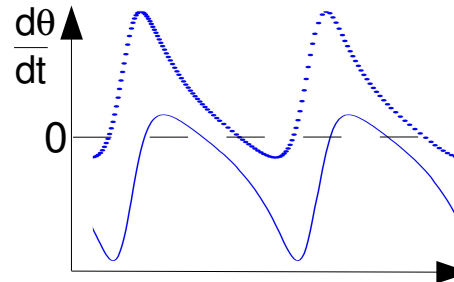


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Q: **directed**
information flow

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A: stable nonstationary
behavior



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Global synchronization by stochastic “gossip” communication selection

Success story I > Path B : complex interaction, linear space

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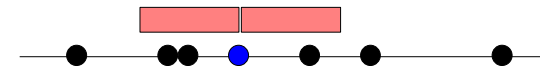
Heterogeneous model: $\omega_k \neq \omega_j$

Motion synchronization phenomena for
Nonlinear interactions on \mathbb{R}

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State-dependent interaction graph

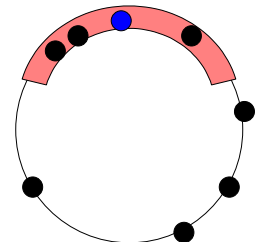
Cluster formation
“Krause” model on \mathbb{R}



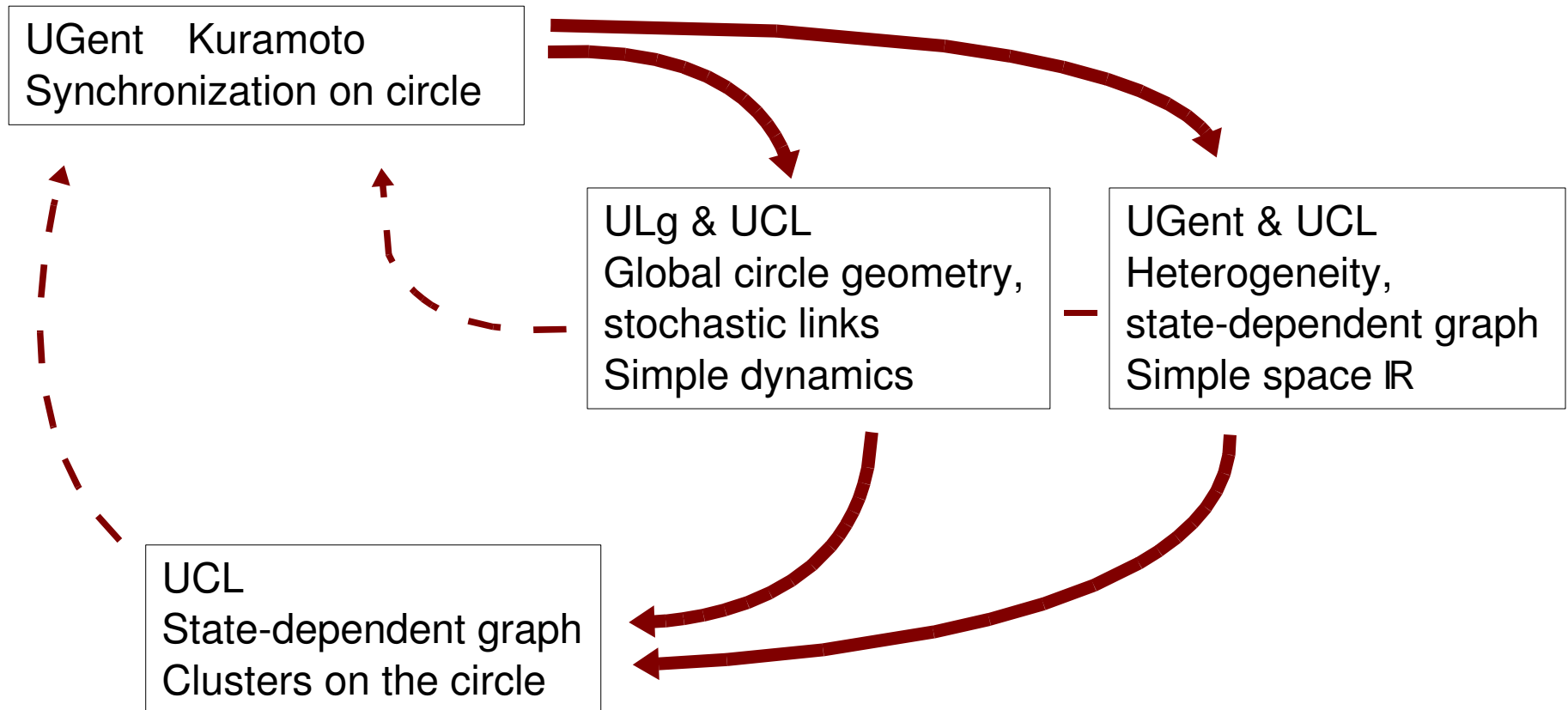
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State-dependent interaction graph

Cluster formation on the circle



Success story I > A closed loop of research



Success story II > Clustering in integrate & fire oscillators

Kuramoto oscillators: continuous, sinusoidal coupling



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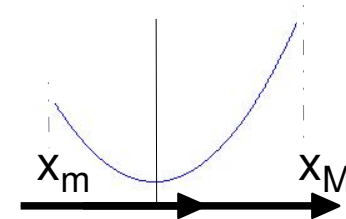
Quadratic integrate & fire oscillators with impulsive coupling



neuron
firing

flow for $x_k \in [x_m, x_M)$

$$\frac{d}{dt}x_k = S + x_k^2$$

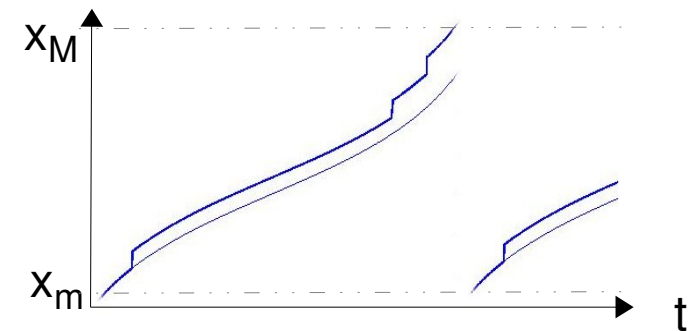


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reset & fire for $\exists k : x_k = x_M$

$$x_k(t_+) = x_m$$

$$x_{i \neq k}(t_+) = x_i(t) + \epsilon$$



Success story II > Clustering in integrate & fire oscillators

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A. Mauroy Conjecture: If $S > 0$, $\epsilon > 0$ and $x_m + x_M > 0$
then there is a **stable** solution with separate traveling clusters
Proof: OK for $x_m > 0$

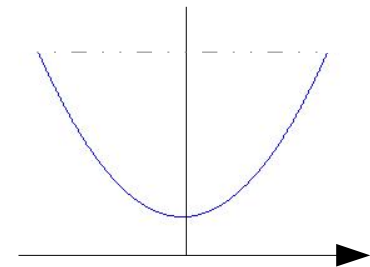


ULg&UCL For $x_m + x_M = 0$: charact. eq. of the Jacobian
is a palindromic polynomial

$$P(z) = \sum e_k (z^k + z^{N-k})$$

$$0 < e_{k+1} < e_k \leq e_0 = 1$$

Hope: prove marginal stability of cluster solution for $x_m + x_M = 0$



Success story II > Clustering in integrate & fire oscillators

UCL&MIT Prof. A.Megretski (MIT) gets the problem through postdoctoral stay from J.Hendrickx, UCL.
Proof: palindromic polynomial has all zeros on the unit circle



ULg Quadratic integrate & fire oscillators feature cluster solutions with
marginal stability for $x_m + x_M = 0$
stability for $x_m + x_M > 0$ if $x^2 + \epsilon x - S < 0$ on $[x_m, x_M]$
stability for $\frac{d}{dt}x_k = \exp(x^2)$

Ongoing research: reduce conditions in the proof

Success story II > An open network of research

