

# Kinetic Theory of Coupled Oscillators

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# Coupled Oscillators

- Coupled oscillators describe many phenomena including dynamics of neural circuits, synchronization of fireflies, crickets, Josephson junctions, ...
- Most analyses focused on small systems or infinitely large (mean field limit)
- Networks that are large but not infinite is not well understood

# Kuramoto Model

$$\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N f(\theta_j - \theta_i) \quad f(\theta) = \sin(\theta)$$

where  $\omega_i$  is drawn from a distribution  $g(\omega)$

Weak coupling limit (phase of limit cycle)

Interested in dynamics of  $N$  large but not infinite

# Two oscillator example

$$\frac{d\theta_1}{dt} = \omega_1 + \frac{K}{2} \sin(\theta_2 - \theta_1)$$

$$\frac{d\theta_2}{dt} = \omega_2 + \frac{K}{2} \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

$$\frac{d\psi}{dt} = \Delta\omega - K \sin(\psi)$$

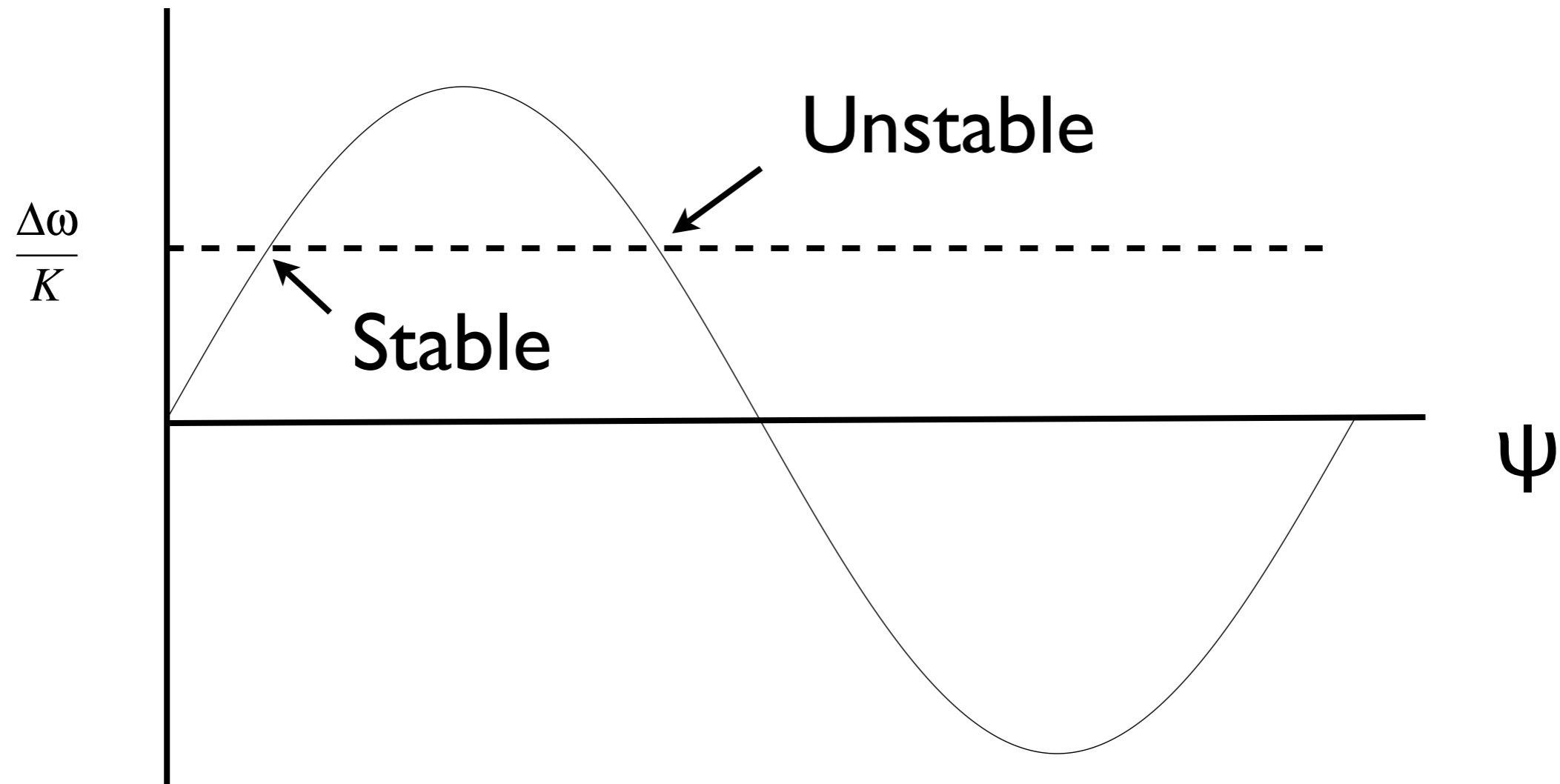
$$\psi = \theta_1 - \theta_2$$

$$\Delta\omega = \omega_1 - \omega_2$$

Fixed points obey

$$\frac{\Delta\omega}{K} = \sin(\psi)$$

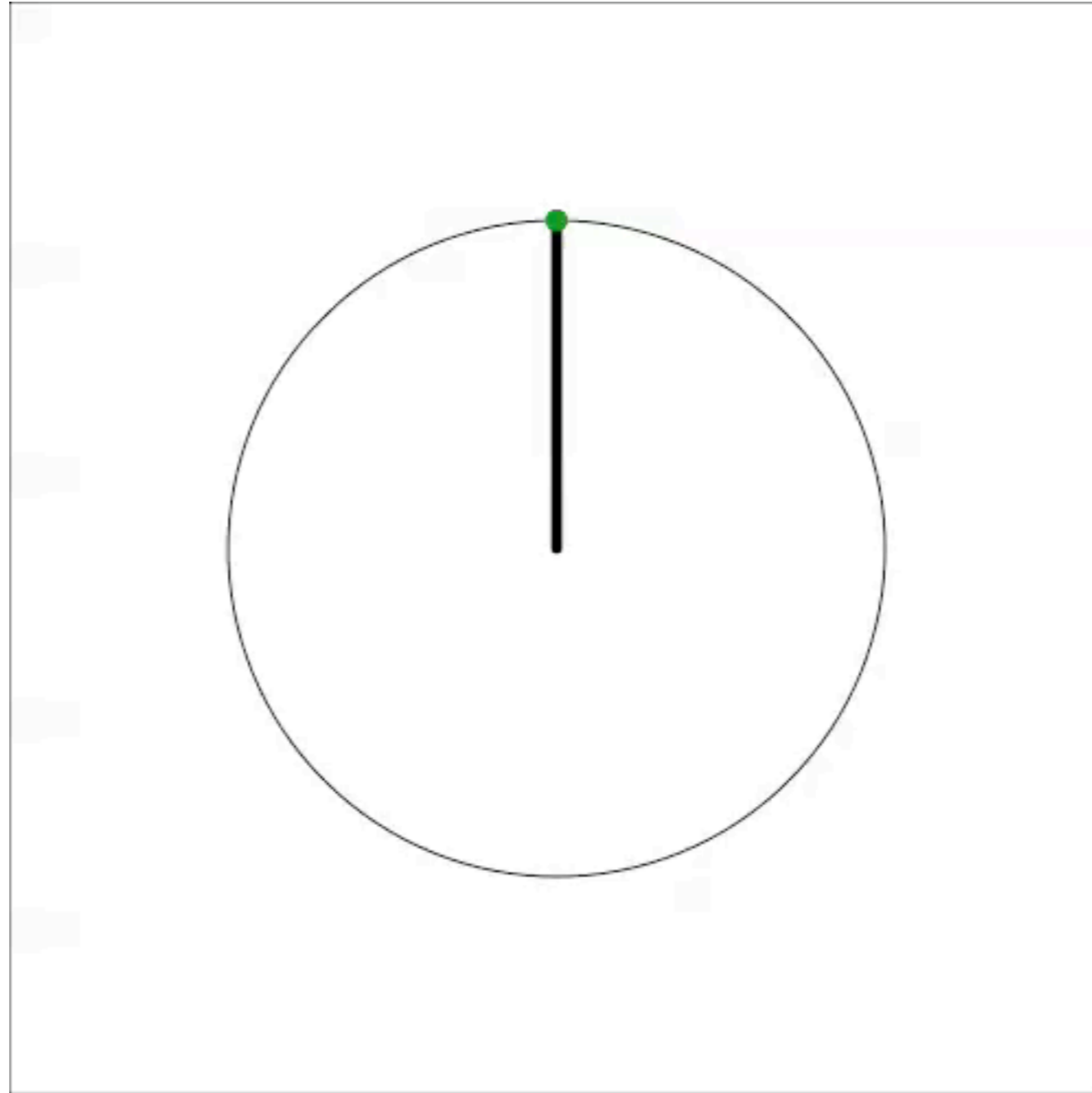
# Fixed points at intersection



$K_c = \Delta\omega$  is the critical (bifurcation) point

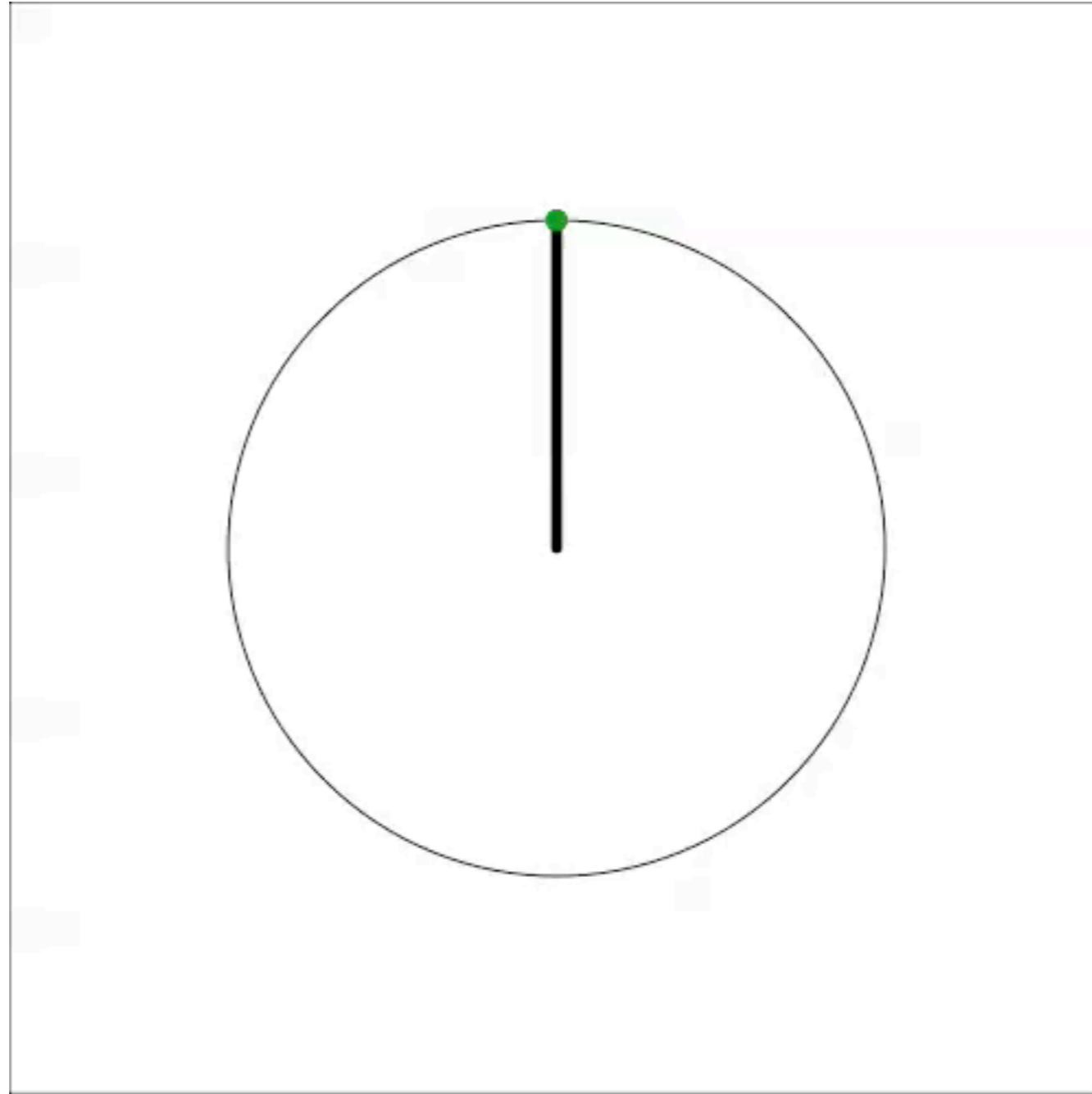
No fixed points for  $K < K_c$

Unlocked



$$K = .25K_c$$

Locked

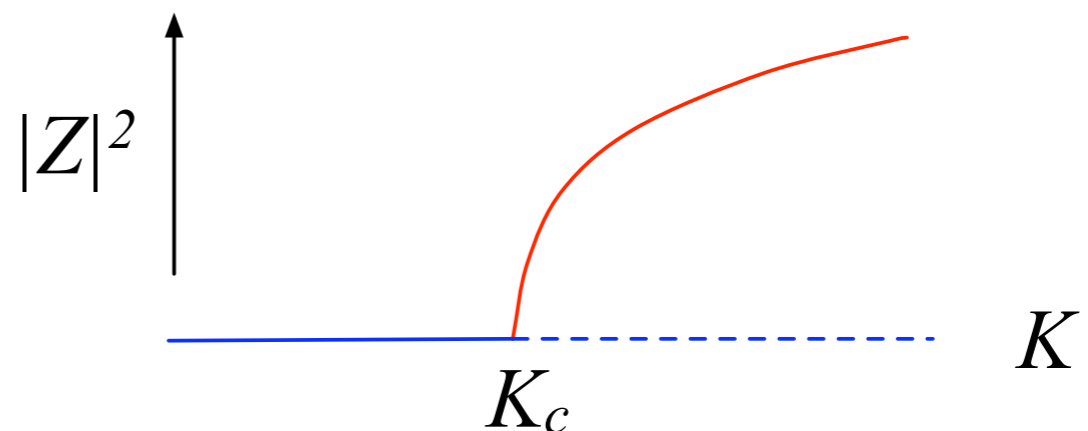


$$K=2.5K_c$$

# Mean field theory

- Kuramoto showed in mean field theory i.e.  $N \rightarrow \infty$ , oscillators partially phase lock if  $K > K_c = 2\gamma$  (width of frequency dist.)
- Introduced order parameter

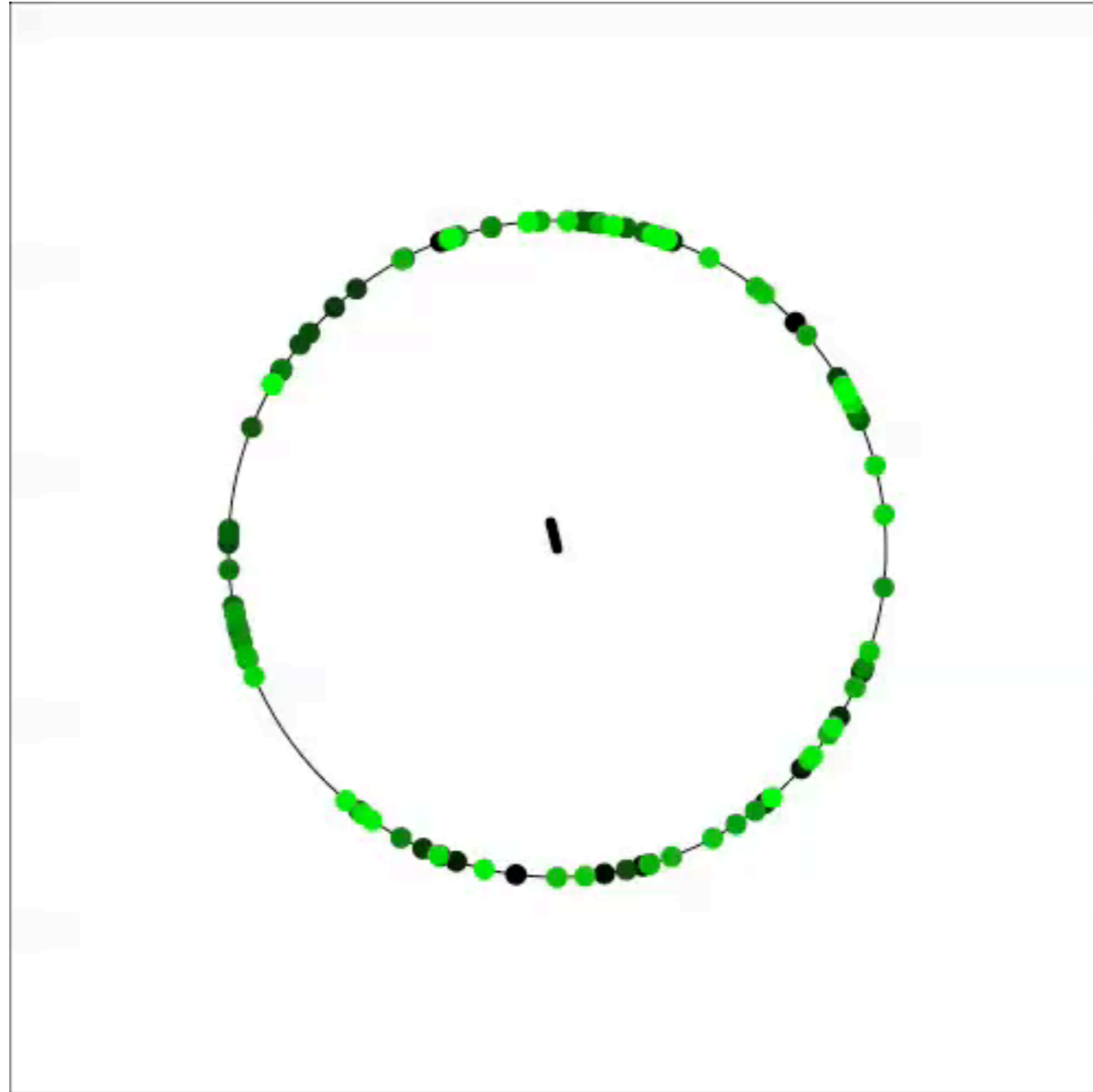
$$Z = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N e^{i\theta_j}$$





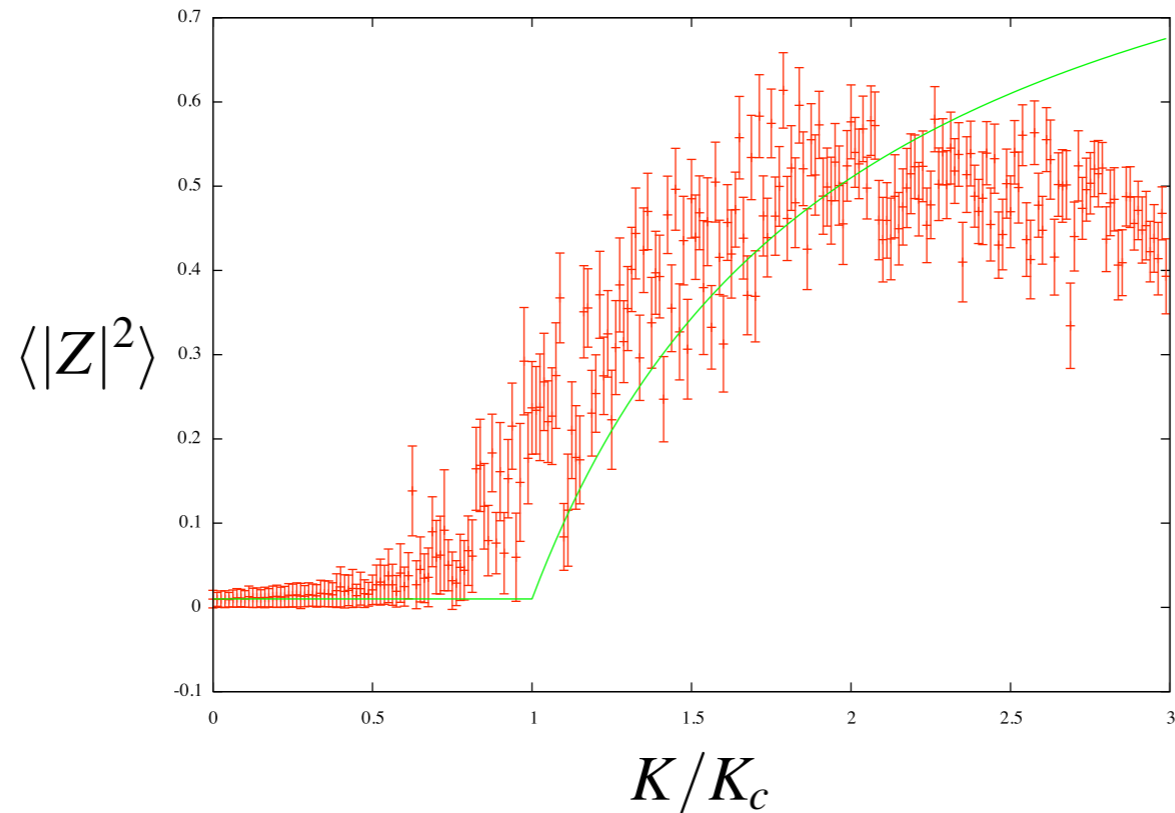
# Example simulations

Subcritical (initially) (beyond)



$$N = 1000, K = K_c$$

# Fluctuations due to finite size



Want to estimate finite-size fluctuations

# Stability

- Kuramoto showed the existence of two branches (locked and incoherent) in 70's
- But did not calculate stability
- Postulated that incoherent state becomes unstable at critical point
- Stability of incoherent state calculated by Strogatz and Mirollo in 1990

# Continuity equation approach

(Strogatz and Mirollo, 1990)

Probability density:  $\rho(\theta, t)$

Oscillator dynamics:  $\frac{d\theta_i}{dt} = \omega_i + \frac{K}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N f(\theta_j - \theta_i)$

$$v \equiv \dot{\theta} = \omega + K \int_0^{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\theta' - \theta) \rho(\theta', t) g(\omega') d\theta' d\omega'$$

oscillator “velocity”

Oscillator conservation implies:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial(v\rho)}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

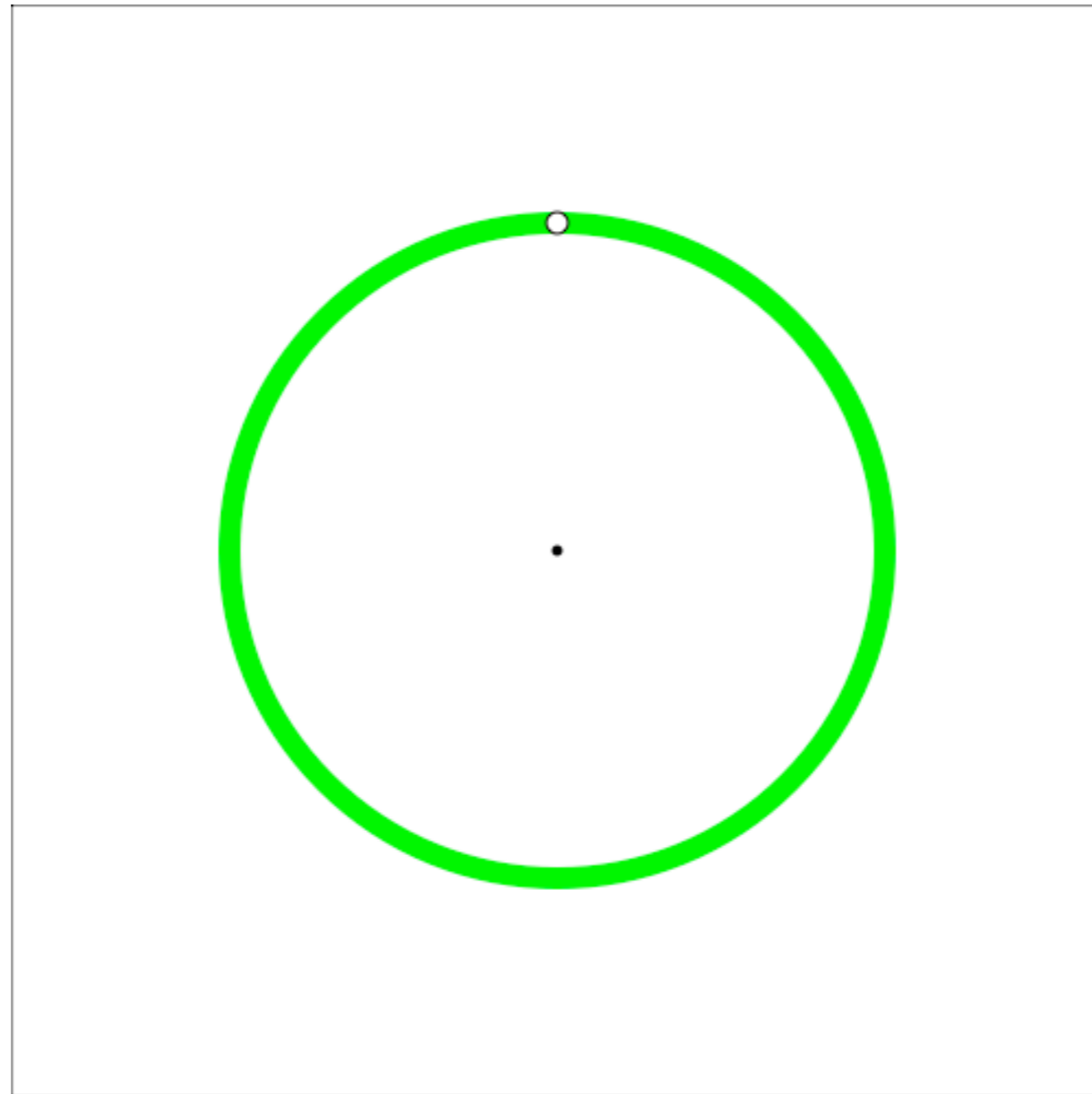
Continuity equation:

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \rho(\theta', \omega', t) \rho(\theta, \omega, t) d\theta' d\omega' = 0$$

# Incoherent State

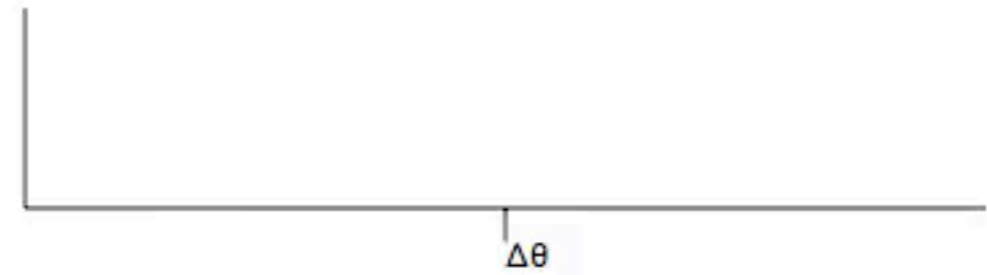
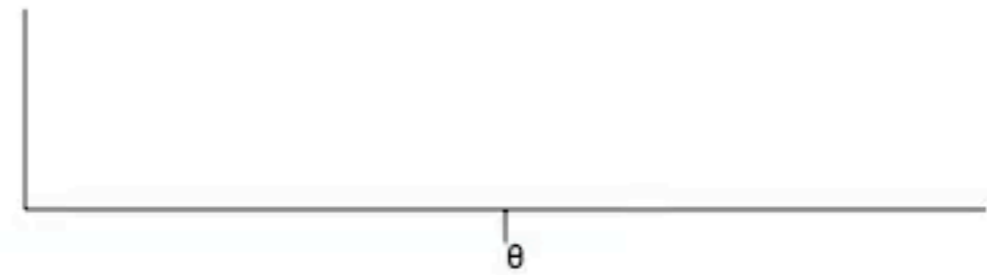
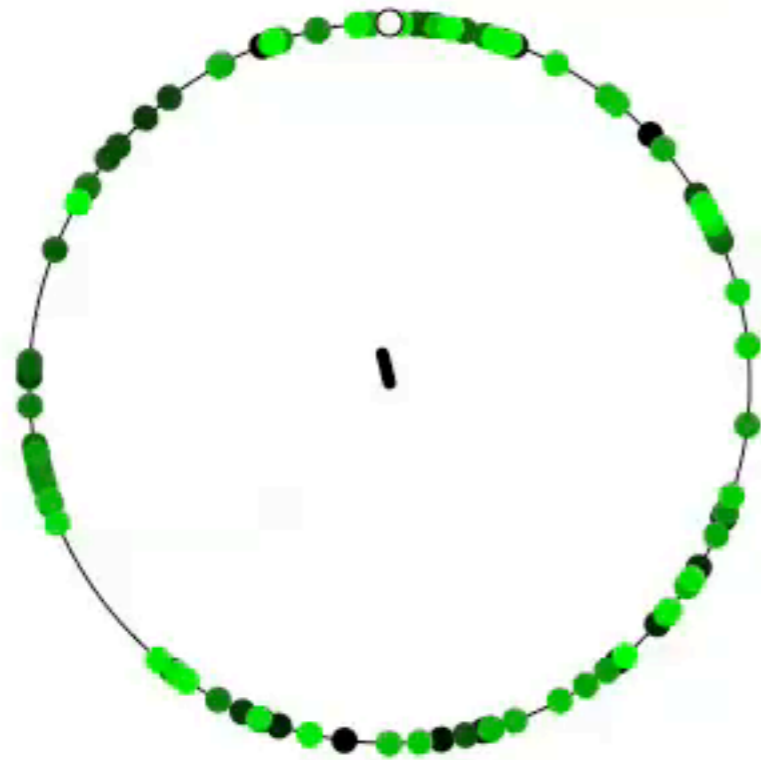
- Solution to continuity equation is the incoherent state  $\rho(\theta) = 1/2\pi$
- Consider perturbations  $\delta\rho e^{st}$ , solve eigenvalue problem (spectrum)
- Unstable if  $s$  has positive real part
- Eigenvalues becomes unstable at  $K=K_c$
- Continuous spectrum on imaginary axis
- Incoherent state is marginally stable!

A single oscillator in the incoherent state in the mean field limit  $N \rightarrow \infty$



Oscillators don't interact - i.e. marginally stable modes

# Finite Size effects





# Recap

- Kuramoto model bifurcates from incoherence to partial locking at  $K_c$
- Seen in order parameter  $Z$
- Simulations with finite  $N$  show fluctuations
- Incoherent state is marginally stable in mean-field limit but seems stable in simulations
- Need to include finite  $N$  effects (same problem encountered in theory of gases and plasmas)

# Kinetic theory approach

- Re-interpret the probability density

$$\eta(\theta, \omega, t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\theta - \theta_i(t)) \delta(\omega - \omega_i)$$

Continuity (“Klimontovich”) equation

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \eta(\theta', \omega', t) \eta(\theta, \omega, t) d\theta' d\omega' = 0$$

includes finite size fluctuations

- Klimontovich equation contains all the information of the original system (density is not smooth)
- To be useful, need to do averaging
- Strogatz and Mirollo considered the “mean field limit” where the density is smooth
- To consider finite size fluctuations, need to use the Klimontovich equation

# Items to calculate

- Fluctuations = Variance of order parameter  
(Two-oscillator density function)

$$\langle |Z|^2 \rangle = \int d\omega d\omega' d\theta d\theta' \langle \eta(\omega, \theta, t) \eta(\omega', \theta', t) \rangle e^{i(\theta - \theta')}$$

- Stability = Spectrum of linearized Klimontovich equation (to order  $1/N$ )
- Estimate using moment hierarchy or probability density functional of  $\eta$  (field theory)

# Moment hierarchy

Take ensemble average over initial condition and frequencies of Klimontovich equation

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \eta(\theta', \omega', t) \eta(\theta, \omega, t) d\theta' d\omega' = 0$$

**One oscillator density**  $\rho(\theta, \omega) = \langle \eta(\theta, \omega) \rangle$  **satisfies**

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \rho(x, t) \rho(x', t) d\theta' d\omega' = -K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) C(x, x', t) d\theta' d\omega'$$

**where**  $x = (\theta, \omega)$

$$C(x, x', t) = \langle \eta(x, t) \eta(x', t) \rangle - \rho(x, t) \rho(x', t) + \frac{1}{N} \rho(x, t) \rho(x', t) - \frac{1}{N} \delta(x - x') \rho(x', t)$$

- One-oscillator density depends on two-oscillator density (correlation function)
- Form two-oscillator density equation: multiply Klimontovich equation by  $\eta$  and take ensemble average
- Two-oscillator density depends on three-oscillator density, ...
- BBGKY moment hierarchy
- Must truncate to be useful

# First two equations of hierarchy (with Gaussian closure)

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \rho(x, t) \rho(x', t) d\theta' d\omega' = -K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) C(x, x', t) d\theta' d\omega'$$

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \omega_1 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} + \omega_2 \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} + K \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} f(\theta_3 - \theta_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} f(\theta_3 - \theta_2) \right] \rho(x_3, t) d\theta_3 d\omega_3 \right\} C(x_1, x_2, t)$$

$$+ K \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} f(\theta_3 - \theta_1) \rho(x_1, t) C(x_2, x_3, t) d\theta_3 d\omega_3$$

$$+ K \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} f(\theta_3 - \theta_2) \rho(x_2, t) C(x_3, x_1, t) d\theta_3 d\omega_3 \}$$

$$= -\frac{K}{N} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} f(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} f(\theta_1 - \theta_2) \right] \rho(x_1, t) \rho(x_2, t)$$

Captures two-oscillator interactions (finite-size fluctuations) but unwieldy to solve

If we ignore two-oscillator interactions (collisions)

get “Vlasov” equation

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \rho(x, t) \rho(x', t) d\theta' d\omega' = 0$$

this looks just like Klimontovich equation

$$\frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \eta(x, t) \eta(x, t) d\theta' d\omega' = 0$$

Difference is the smoothness of solutions

Most people go straight to Vlasov equation but it is only valid in the mean field limit



# Statistical field theory

Klimontovich equation:

$$\mathcal{O}[\eta] \equiv \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \eta(\theta', \omega', t) \eta(\theta, \omega, t) d\theta' d\omega' = \delta(t - t_0) \eta_0(\theta, \omega)$$

Equation for a probability density  $\eta$

Want to calculate moments of the density  $\eta$

Need a “density of the density”

# Statistical field theory

$$\mathcal{O}[\eta] \equiv \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \eta}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \eta(\theta', \omega', t) \eta(\theta, \omega, t) d\theta' d\omega' = \delta(t - t_0) \eta_0(\theta, \omega)$$

*Probability density functional of the density is*

$$\mathcal{F}[\eta, \eta_0] = \delta [N \{ \mathcal{O}[\eta(\theta, \omega, t)] - \delta(t - t_0) \eta_0(\theta, \omega) \}]$$

**Marginalize over initial densities**

$$\mathcal{F}[\eta(\theta, \omega, t)] = \int \mathcal{D}\eta_0 \mathcal{F}_0[\eta_0] \delta [N \{ \mathcal{O}[\eta(\theta, \omega, t)] - \delta(t - t_0) \eta_0(\theta, \omega) \}]$$

**Path integral over initial densities**

# Functional Fourier decomposition

$$\delta(x) \propto \int e^{-ikx} dk$$

$$\mathcal{F}[\eta(\theta, \omega, t)] = \int \mathcal{D}\tilde{\eta} \mathcal{D}\eta_0 \mathcal{F}_0[\eta_0] \exp \left( -N \int d\theta d\omega dt \tilde{\eta} [\mathcal{O}[\eta] - \delta(t - t_0)\eta_0(\theta, \omega)] \right)$$

where  $\tilde{\eta}(\theta, \omega, t)$  is the “MSR response field”

Convenient to consider joint density functional

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}[\eta, \tilde{\eta}] = \int \mathcal{D}\eta_0 \mathcal{F}_0[\eta_0] \exp \left( -N \int d\theta d\omega dt \tilde{\eta} \mathcal{O}[\eta] + N \int d\theta d\omega \tilde{\eta}(\theta, \omega, t_0) \eta_0(\theta, \omega) \right)$$

which obeys  $1 = \int \mathcal{D}\eta \mathcal{D}\tilde{\eta} \tilde{\mathcal{F}}[\eta, \tilde{\eta}; \eta_0]$

**Integrate over initial data and frequencies**

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}[\eta, \tilde{\eta}] = \exp \left( -N \int d\theta d\omega dt \tilde{\eta} \mathcal{O}[\eta] + N \ln \left\{ 1 + \int d\theta d\omega \left[ e^{\tilde{\eta}(\theta, \omega, t_0)} - 1 \right] \rho_0(\theta, \omega) \right\} \right)$$

**To simplify initial condition contribution**

**Make the following transformation**

$$\varphi(\theta, \omega, t) = \eta \exp(-\tilde{\eta})$$

$$\tilde{\varphi}(\theta, \omega, t) + 1 = \exp(\tilde{\eta})$$

**Moments of  $\eta$  can be expressed in terms of moments of  $\varphi$**

Results in

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}}[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] = \exp(-NS[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}])$$

with “action”

$$S[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] = \int d\omega d\theta dt \left[ \tilde{\varphi} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \varphi + K \int d\omega' d\theta' (\tilde{\varphi}' \tilde{\varphi} + \tilde{\varphi}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \{f(\theta' - \theta) \varphi' \varphi\} \right]$$
$$- \ln \left[ 1 + \int d\theta d\omega \tilde{\varphi}(\theta, \omega, t_0) \rho_0(\theta, \omega) \right]$$

Calculate moments perturbatively using method of steepest descents (loop expansion)

# Loop Expansion

Moments  $\langle \varphi^n \tilde{\varphi}^m \rangle = \int D\varphi D\tilde{\varphi} \varphi^n \tilde{\varphi}^m e^{-NS[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}]}$

- Steepest descent asymptotic expansion (e.g. expand around saddle point)
- Expand path integral in terms of “Gaussian moments” in powers of  $1/N$
- Can keep track of terms by using “Feynman diagrams”

# Simple example

$$\langle u^2 \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 e^{N(iP^{-1}uv - av^2 + ibu^2v - cu^2v^2)} d\omega \quad d\omega = \frac{N}{2\pi P} dudv$$

$$\sim \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 e^{iNP^{-1}uv} (1 - aNv^2 + ibNu^2v - cNu^2v^2 + \dots) d\omega$$

Use identity  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^n v^m e^{iNP^{-1}uv} d\omega = n! \frac{i^n}{N^n} P^n \delta_{nm}$

$$\langle u^2 \rangle \sim \frac{2}{N} aP^2 + \frac{24}{N^2} acP^4 + \dots$$

Only terms with equal numbers of  $v$  and  $u$  survive

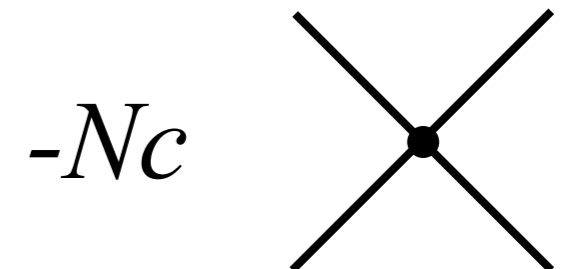
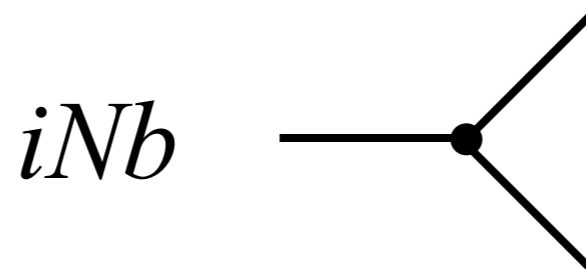
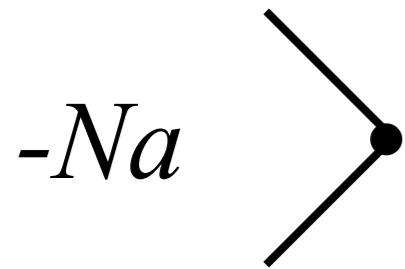
# Diagrams

Bookkeeping for expansion can be aided with diagrams with rules for assembly

Propagator



Vertices



Moment  $\langle u^n v^m \rangle$  is the sum of all diagrams with  $n$  outgoing legs and  $m$  incoming legs

Legs of vertices are joined by propagators



# Loop expansion to order $1/N^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle u^2 \rangle &= \text{[Diagram 1]} + \text{[Diagram 2]} + \text{[Diagram 3]} \\
 &= 2Na(P/N)^2 + 24NaNc(P/N)^4 + O(1/N^3)
 \end{aligned}$$

The diagrams represent the following structures:
 

- Diagram 1:** A vertex with two outgoing arrows.
- Diagram 2:** A vertex with two outgoing arrows and a diamond-shaped loop attached to the vertex.
- Diagram 3:** Two diamond-shaped loops attached to a vertex, each with an outgoing arrow pointing away from the vertex.

Combinatorics is only tricky part

# Field Theory for Kuramoto

$$\langle \varphi^n \tilde{\varphi}^m \rangle = \int D\varphi D\tilde{\varphi} \varphi^n \tilde{\varphi}^m e^{-NS[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}]} \quad S[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] = S_F[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] + S_I[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}]$$

$$S_F[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] = \int d\omega d\theta dt \tilde{\varphi} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right) \varphi + K \int d\omega' d\theta' \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \{ f(\theta' - \theta) (\varphi' \rho + \rho' \varphi) \} \right] \equiv \tilde{\varphi} \cdot N^{-1} P_0^{-1} \cdot \varphi$$

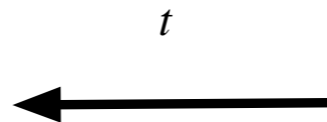
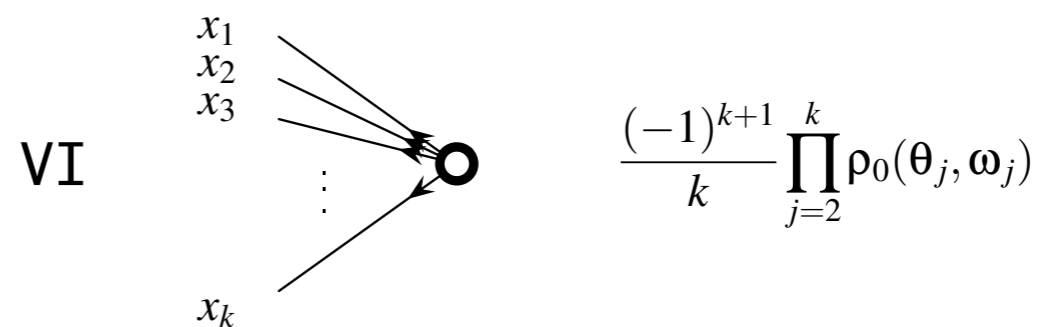
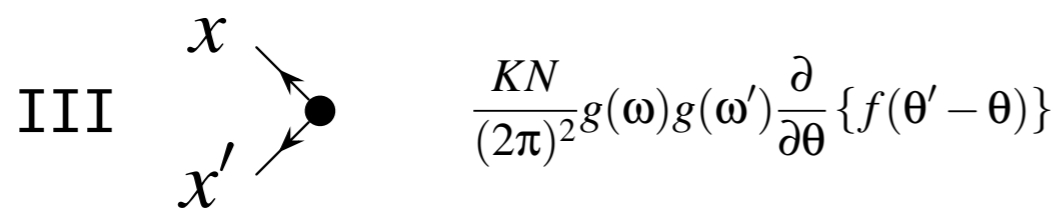
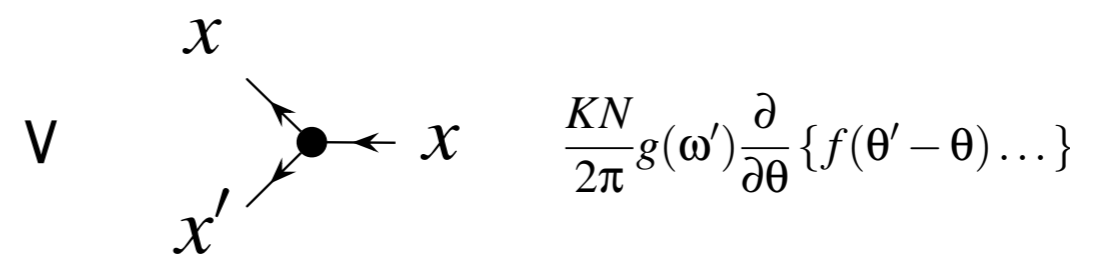
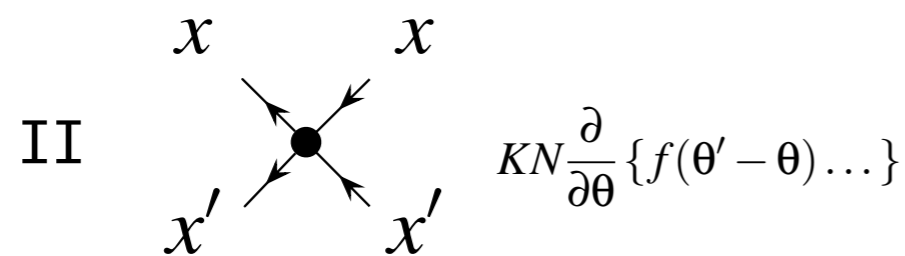
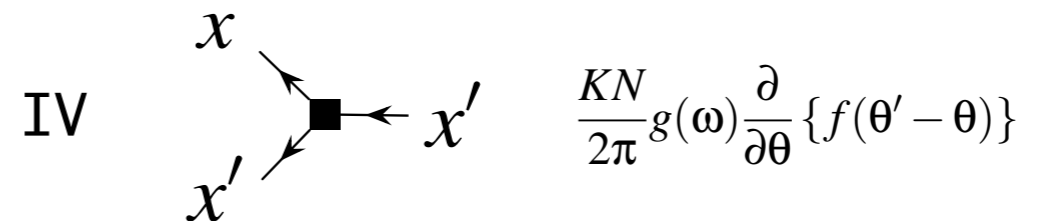
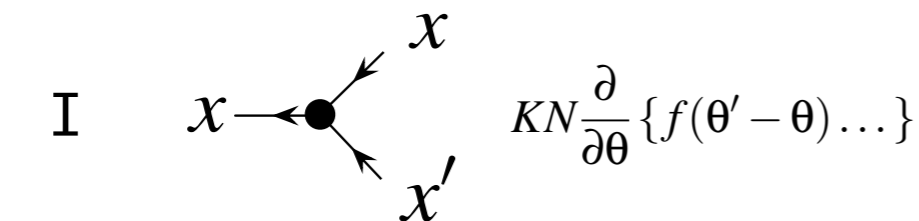
$$S_I[\varphi, \tilde{\varphi}] = \int d\omega d\theta dt \tilde{\varphi} \left[ K \int d\omega' d\theta' \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \{ f(\theta' - \theta) (\varphi' \varphi) \} + K \int d\omega' d\theta' \tilde{\varphi}' \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \{ f(\theta' - \theta) (\varphi' + \rho') (\varphi + \rho) \} \right]$$

$$- \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{k+1}}{k} \left[ \int d\theta d\omega \tilde{\varphi}(\theta, \omega, t_0) \rho_0(\theta, \omega) \right]^k$$

# Diagrams for Kuramoto model



$$P_0(x, t | x', t')$$



Integrate over  $x, x'$  in the diagrams

# Finite size fluctuations

Variance of order parameter

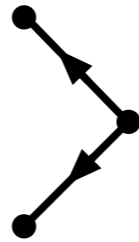
$$\langle |Z|^2 \rangle = \int d\omega d\omega' d\theta d\theta' C(\omega, \theta; \omega', \theta', t) e^{i(\theta - \theta')} + \frac{1}{N}$$

$$C(x_1, t_1; x_2, t_2) = \langle \varphi(x_1, t_1) \varphi(x_2, t_2) \rangle$$

Use loop expansion to compute correlation function

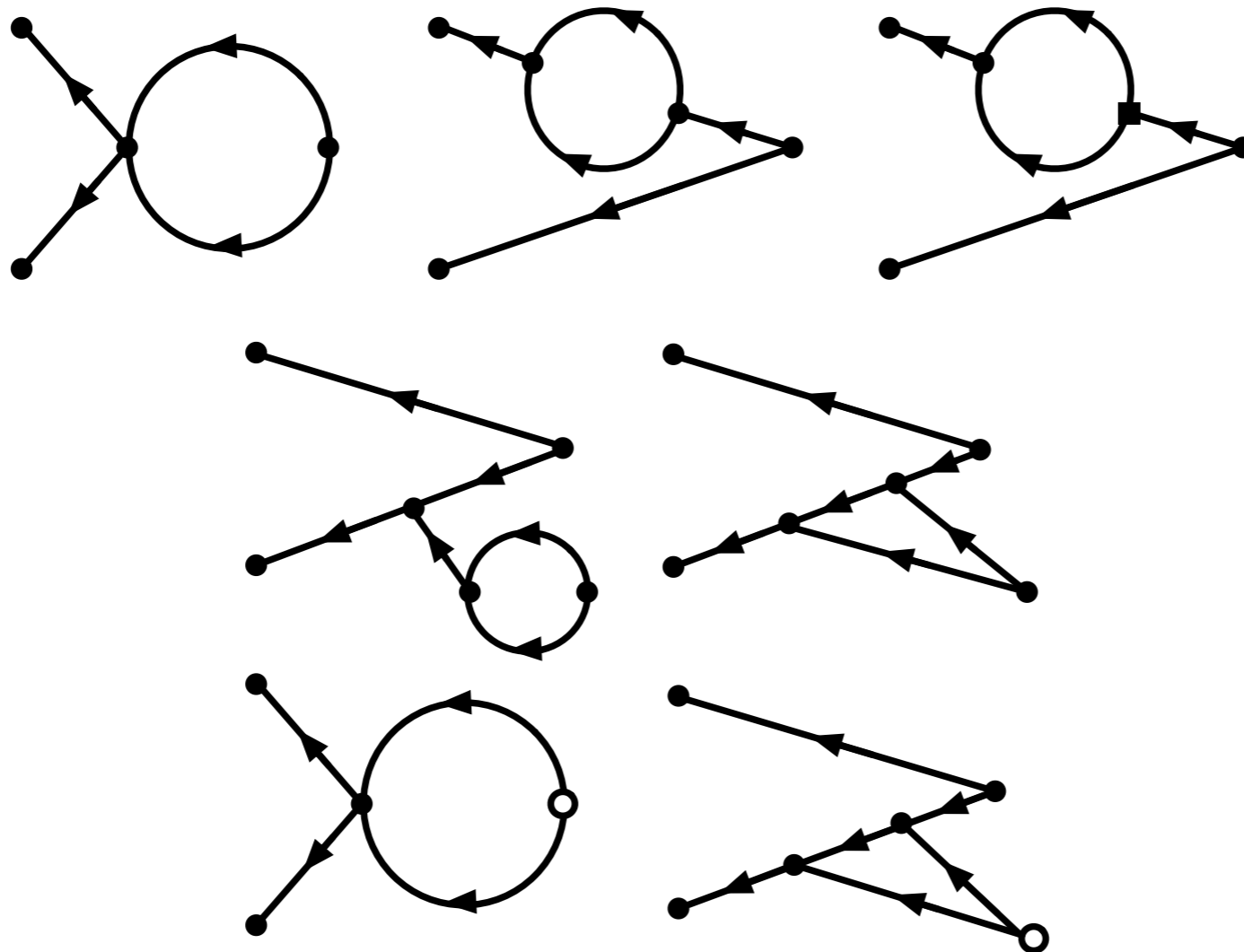
# Diagrams of correlation function

a)



Tree level

b)



One loop

# Order $1/N$ expansion (tree level)

$$C(x_1, t_1; x_2, t_2) = -\frac{K}{N} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\omega'_1 d\omega'_2 \int_0^{2\pi} d\theta'_1 d\theta'_2 \int_{t_0}^t dt' P_0(x_1, x'_1, t_1 - t') P_0(x_2, x'_2, t_2 - t') \\ \times \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta'_1} f(\theta'_2 - \theta'_1) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta'_2} f(\theta'_1 - \theta'_2) \right] g(\omega'_1) g(\omega'_2)$$

**Propagator**  $P_0(\theta, \omega, t | \theta', \omega', t') = \langle \varphi(\theta, \omega, t) \tilde{\varphi}(\theta', \omega', t') \rangle$  **satisfies**

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] P_0(x, x', t - t') + K \frac{g(\omega)}{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta_1 - \theta) P_0(x_1, x', t - t') d\theta_1 d\omega_1 \\ = \frac{1}{N} \delta(\theta - \theta') \delta(\omega - \omega') \delta(t - t')$$

## Laplace-Fourier transform in $t$ and $\theta$ :

$$[s + in\omega] \tilde{P}_0(n, \omega, \omega', s) + inKg(\omega)f(-n) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \tilde{P}_0(n, \omega_1, \omega', s) d\omega_1 = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \delta(\omega - \omega')$$

## Integrate over $\omega$ :

$$\int d\omega \tilde{P}_0(n, \omega, \omega', s) = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \frac{1}{s + in\omega'} \frac{1}{\Lambda_n(s)}$$

$$\Lambda_n(s) = 1 + inKf(-n) \int d\omega \frac{g(\omega)}{s + in\omega}$$

“Dielectric function”

## Tree level propagator:

$$\tilde{P}_0(n, \omega, \omega', s) = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \frac{\delta(\omega - \omega')}{s + in\omega} - \frac{1}{2\pi N} \frac{inKg(\omega)f(-n)}{(s + in\omega)(s + in\omega')} \frac{1}{\Lambda_n(s)}$$

# Fluctuations

$$\langle |Z|^2(\tau) \rangle = \int d\omega d\omega' d\theta d\theta' C(x, x', \tau) e^{i(\theta - \theta')} + \frac{1}{N}$$

$$\langle |Z|^2(\tau) \rangle = \frac{2}{iKN\pi} \int_{\mathcal{L}} ds \frac{\Lambda_1(s - s_0) - 1}{\Lambda_1(s - s_0)} \text{Res} \left[ \frac{-1}{\Lambda_1(s)} \right]_{s=s_0} \frac{1}{s} e^{s\tau} + \frac{1}{N}$$

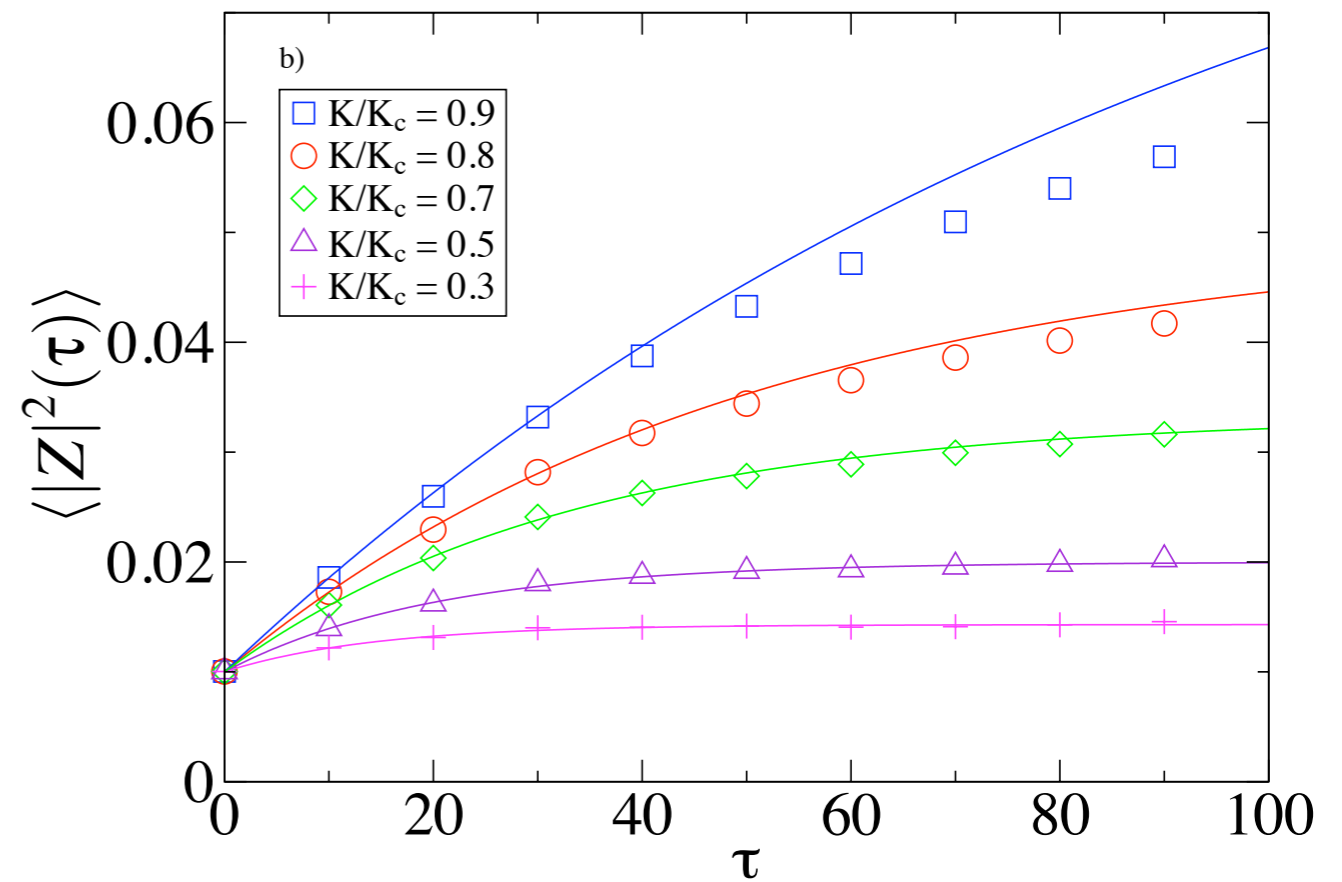
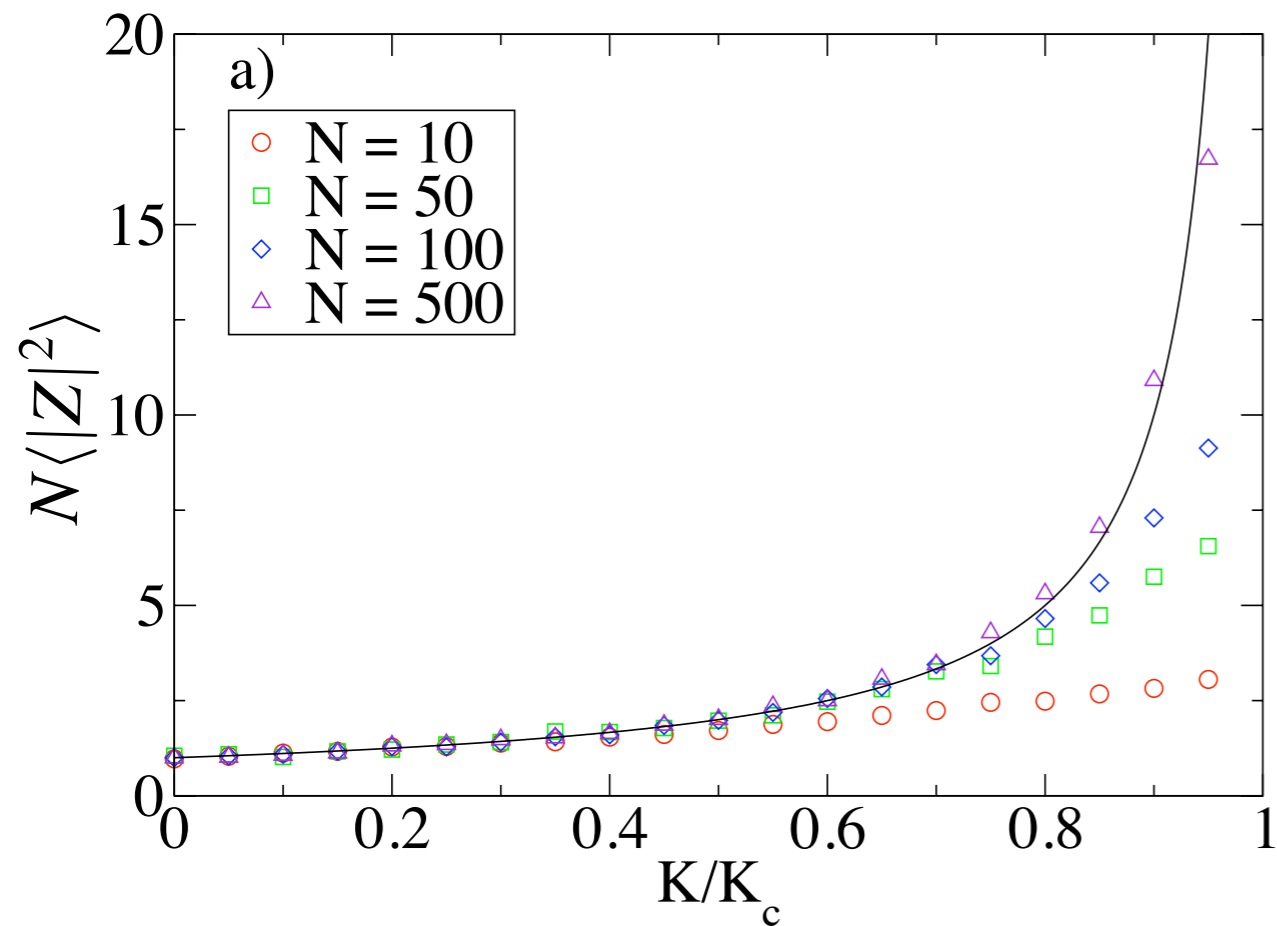
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$$g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\gamma}{\omega^2 + \gamma^2}$$

$$\langle |Z|^2(\tau) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \frac{K_c}{K_c - K} - \frac{1}{N} \frac{K}{K_c - K} e^{-(K_c - K)\tau}$$

Expect theory to breakdown near critical point



# Comparison to simulations



Hildebrand, Buice and Chow, PRL (2007)

# Stability of incoherent state mean field theory

Consider perturbations to Vlasov equation

Sub  $\rho = g(\omega)/2\pi + \delta\rho$  in

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial \rho}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta' - \theta) \rho(\theta', \omega', t) \rho(\theta, \omega, t) d\theta' d\omega' = 0$$

To obtain

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \delta\rho = -\omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \delta\rho - K \frac{g(\omega)}{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta_1 - \theta) \delta\rho(x_1, x', t - t') d\theta_1 d\omega_1 \equiv L \cdot \delta\rho$$

- Compute spectrum of linear operator  $L$   
i.e. values of  $s$  where  $(s-L)^{-1}$  is unbounded
- Incoherent state stable if spectrum in left plane
- Spectrum given by poles of propagator  
(Green's function)

$$\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \right] P_0(x, x', t - t') + K \frac{g(\omega)}{2\pi} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta_1 - \theta) P_0(x_1, x', t - t') d\theta_1 d\omega_1$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \delta(\theta - \theta') \delta(\omega - \omega') \delta(t - t')$$

- In Fourier-Laplace space

$$\tilde{P}_0(n, \omega, \omega', s) = \frac{1}{2\pi N} \frac{\delta(\omega - \omega')}{s + in\omega} - \frac{1}{2\pi N} \frac{inKg(\omega)f(-n)}{(s + in\omega)(s + in\omega')} \frac{1}{\Lambda_n(s)}$$

# Spectrum

- Continuous spectrum on imaginary axis (marginally stable modes)
- Point spectrum (eigenvalues) given by zeros of dielectric function (analytically continue)
- One eigenvalue in left plane, crosses imaginary axis at critical point  $K=K_c$
- Incoherent state is marginally stable in mean field limit (tree level)

# Order parameter dynamics near incoherent state

$$Z(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j e^{i\theta_j} = \int d\theta d\omega \eta(\theta, \omega, t) e^{i\theta}$$

$$\langle \delta Z(t) \rangle = \int d\theta d\omega \delta\rho(\theta, \omega, t) e^{i\theta}$$

For smooth perturbation  $\delta\rho_0(\theta, \omega) = c(\theta)g(\omega)$

$$\delta\rho(\theta, \omega, t) = N \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} P_0(x, x', t) c(\theta') g(\omega') d\theta' d\omega'$$

In Laplace space

$$\langle \delta \tilde{Z}(s) \rangle = c_{-1} \frac{\Lambda_{-1}(s) - 1}{K/2} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{-1}(s)}$$

For Cauchy

$$g(\omega) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\gamma}{\gamma^2 + \omega^2}$$

$$\Lambda_{\pm 1}(s) = \frac{s + \gamma - \frac{K}{2}}{s + \gamma}$$

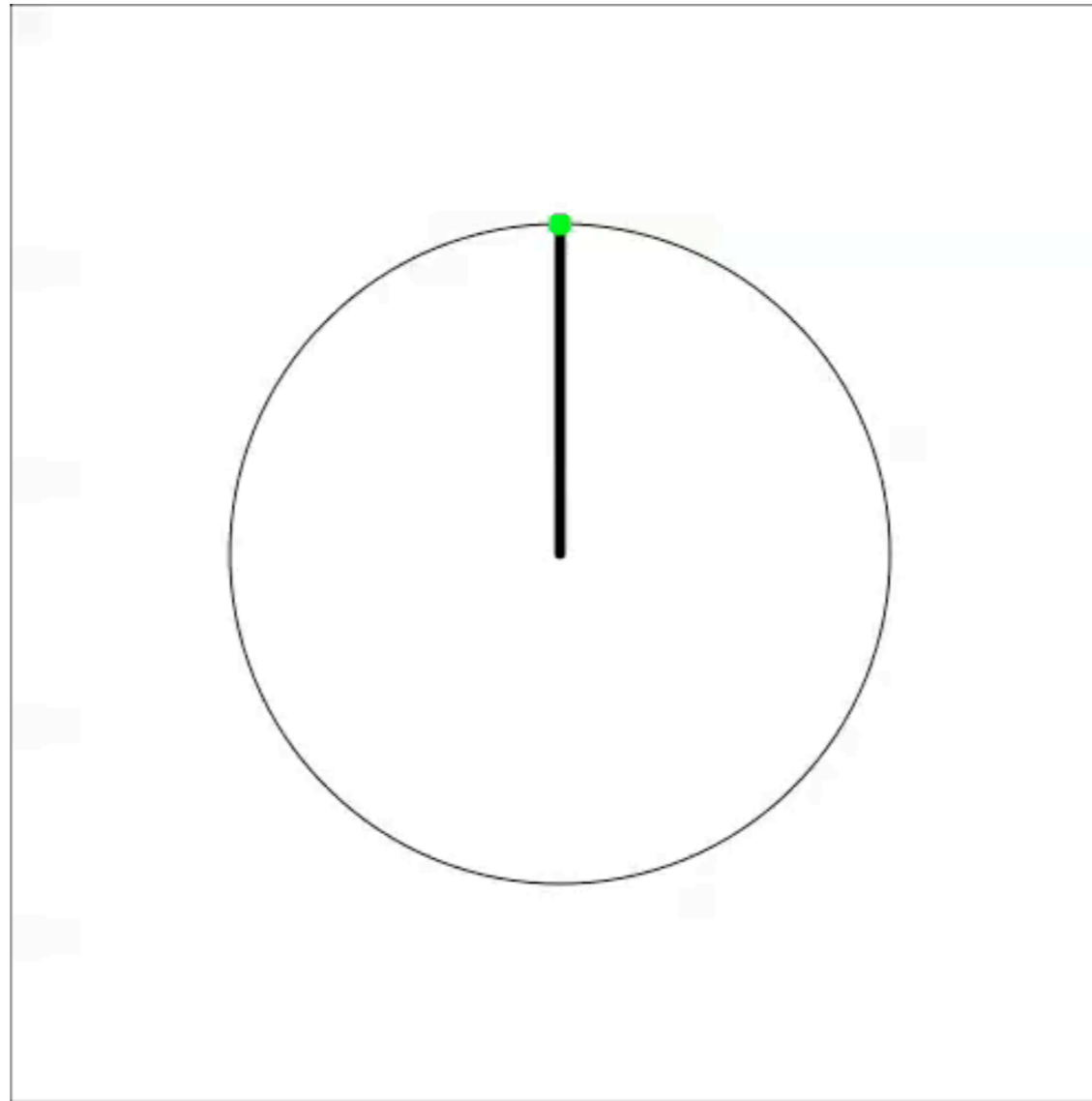
$$K_c = 2\gamma$$

Order parameter decays to zero by dephasing

$$\langle \delta Z \rangle = c_{-1} e^{-(\gamma - \frac{K}{2})\tau}$$

# Dephasing for smooth perturbation

- Strogatz, Mirollo and Matthews (1992) showed that dephasing leads to effective dissipation of  $Z$  (like Landau damping in plasma physics)



# Non-smooth perturbation

Fix a single oscillator

$$\delta\rho_0(\theta, \omega) = \frac{1}{N} \left[ -\frac{g(\omega)}{2\pi} + \delta(\theta - \theta_0)\delta(\omega - \omega_0) \right]$$

$$\langle \tilde{Z}(s) \rangle = \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{s - in\omega_0} \frac{1}{\Lambda_{-1}(s)}$$

**Z** oscillates

$$\langle Z(t) \rangle = \frac{e^{i\theta_0}}{N} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 + (\gamma - \frac{K}{2})^2} \left[ \left( \gamma \left( \gamma - \frac{K}{2} \right) + \omega_0^2 - \frac{K}{2} i\omega_0 \right) e^{-i\omega_0 t} - \left( -i\omega_0 + \gamma - \frac{K}{2} \right) \frac{K}{2} e^{-(\gamma - \frac{K}{2})t} \right]$$



# Stabilization by finite size fluctuations

Calculate stability of incoherent state to order  $1/N$

Spectrum of linearized Klimontovich operator

$$\Gamma(s) = s - L$$

Obtain by solving perturbatively

$$\Gamma(s) \cdot P = \frac{1}{N} \delta(x - x') \delta(t - t')$$

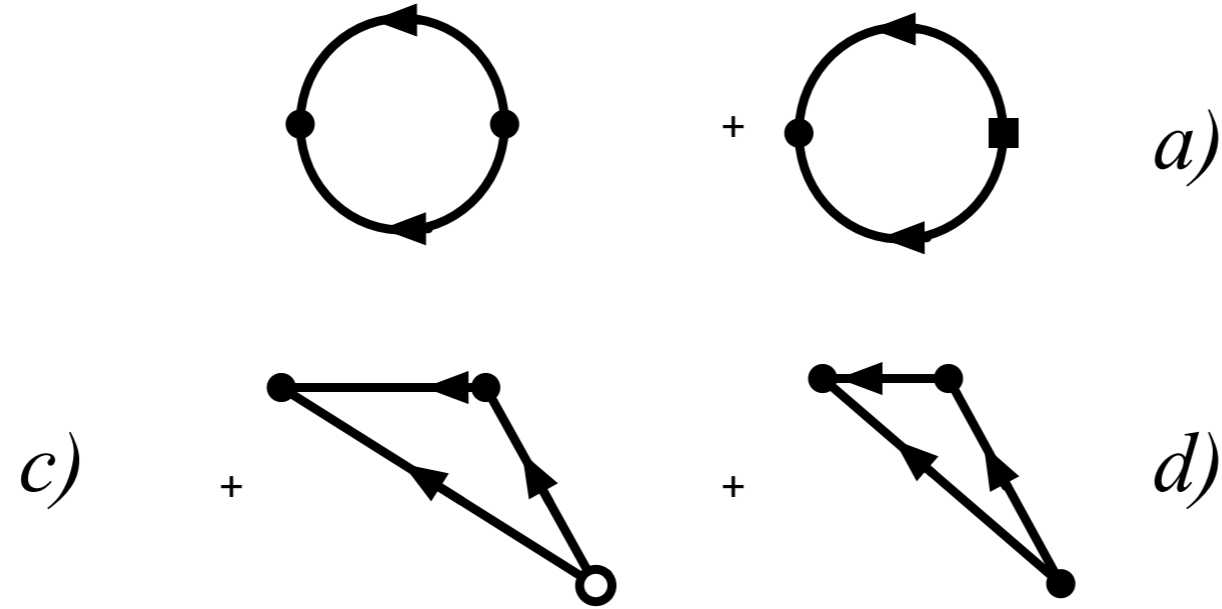
Calculate  $\Gamma(s) \cdot P$  using loop expansion

$$(\Gamma_0 + \Gamma_1) \cdot P_1 = \frac{1}{N} \delta(\theta - \theta') \delta(\omega - \omega') \delta(t - t')$$

where  $\Gamma_0 \cdot P_1$  is the linearized Vlasov equation

$$\Gamma_0 \cdot P_1 = \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \omega \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} + K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta_1 - \theta) \rho(x_1, t) d\theta_1 d\omega_1 \right] P_1(x, x', t - t')$$
$$+ K \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_0^{2\pi} f(\theta_1 - \theta) \rho(x, t) P_1(x_1, x', t - t') d\theta_1 d\omega_1$$

and  $\Gamma_1 \cdot P_1$  is given by diagrams:



$$\begin{aligned}
 \Gamma_1 \cdot P_1 = & \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta \int_{t'}^t dt'' \Gamma_{1a}(\theta, \omega; \phi, \eta; t - t'') P_1(\phi, \eta, t''; \theta', \omega'; t') \\
 & + \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta \int_{t'}^t dt' \Gamma_{1c}(\theta, \omega; \phi, \eta; t - t'') P_1(\phi, \eta, t''; \theta', \omega'; t') \\
 & + \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\eta \int_{t'}^t dt' \Gamma_{1d}(\theta, \omega; \phi, \eta; t - t'') P_1(\phi, \eta, t''; \theta', \omega'; t')
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \int_{t'}^t dt' \Gamma_{1a}(\theta, \omega; \phi, \nu; t - t'') P(\phi, \nu, t''; \theta', \omega'; t')$$

$$= -\frac{K^2}{N} \int d\theta_1 d\omega_1 d\theta'_1 d\omega'_1 d\theta'_2 d\omega'_2 dt_1$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} [f(\theta'_2 - \theta) \{P_0(\theta'_2, \omega'_2, t; \theta'_1, \omega'_1, t_1) P_0(\theta, \omega, t; \theta_1, \omega_1, t_1) + P_0(\theta'_2, \omega'_2, t; \theta_1, \omega_1, t_1) P_0(\theta, \omega, t; \theta'_1, \omega'_1, t_1)\}]$$

$$\times \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} [f(\theta'_1 - \theta_1) \{\rho(\theta'_1, \omega'_1, t_1) P(\theta_1, \omega_1, t_1; \theta', \omega', t') + \rho(\theta_1, \omega_1, t_1) P(\theta'_1, \omega'_1, t_1; \theta', \omega', t')\}]$$

similarly for  $\Gamma_{1c}$  and  $\Gamma_{1d}$

# Results

Continuous spectrum is moved into left plane and frequency distribution is narrowed

For Cauchy distributed frequencies

$$s + in(\omega + \delta\omega) + n^2 D = 0$$

$$\delta\omega = -\frac{K^2}{2N} \frac{\omega}{\left(\gamma - \frac{K}{2}\right)^2 + \omega^2} \left[ \frac{4\gamma - K}{2\gamma - K} \right] \quad D = \frac{K^2}{2N} \frac{\gamma}{\left(\gamma - \frac{K}{2}\right)^2 + \omega^2}$$

Eigenvalue is shifted

$$s_n = -\left(\gamma - \frac{K}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{N} \frac{K}{2} \left[ \left(\frac{K}{2\gamma - K}\right) \frac{K\gamma}{\left(\gamma - \frac{K}{2}\right)^2 - \gamma^2} + \frac{6\gamma - K}{2\gamma - K} \right]$$

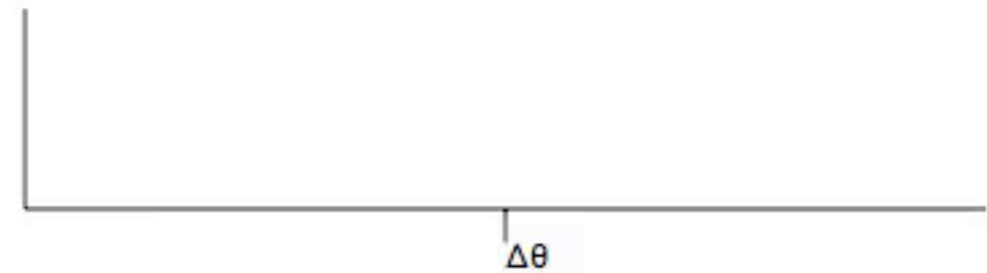
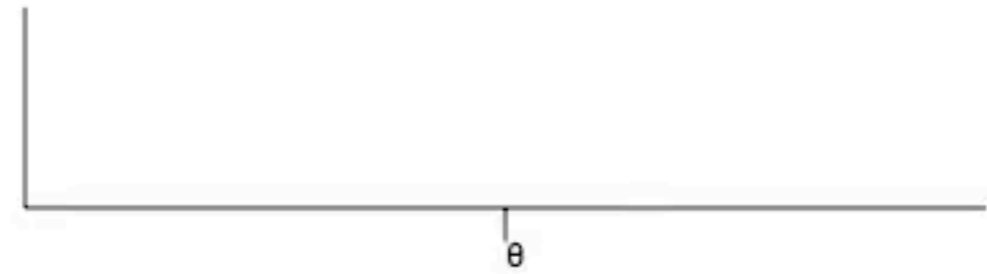
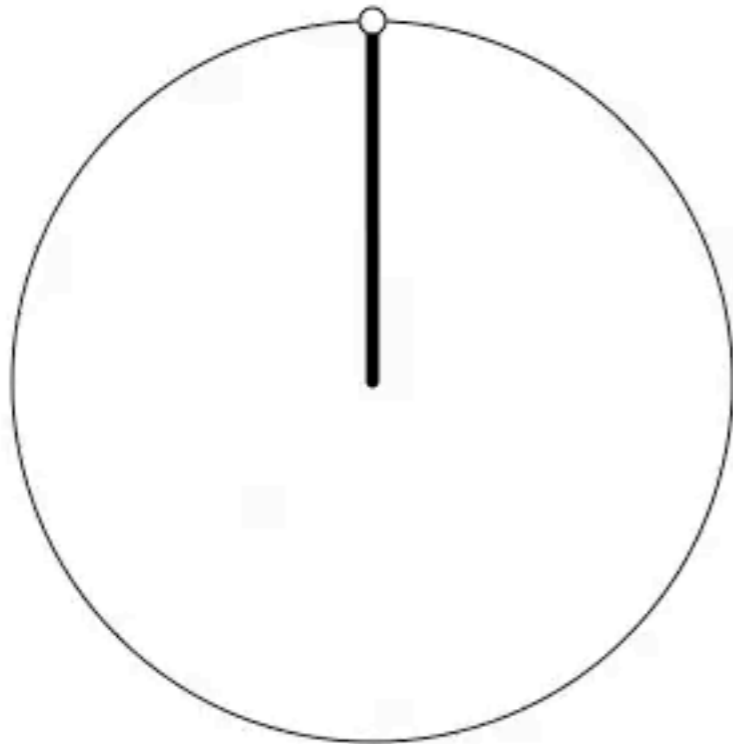
# Order parameter perturbation

$$Z(t) = \frac{e^{i\theta_0}}{N} \frac{1}{\omega_0^2 + (\gamma - \frac{K}{2})^2} \left[ (\gamma(\gamma - \frac{K}{2}) + \omega_0^2 - \frac{K}{2}i\omega_0) e^{i(\omega + \delta\omega)t - Dt} - (-i\omega_0 + \gamma - \frac{K}{2}) \frac{K}{2} e^{s_1 t} \right]$$

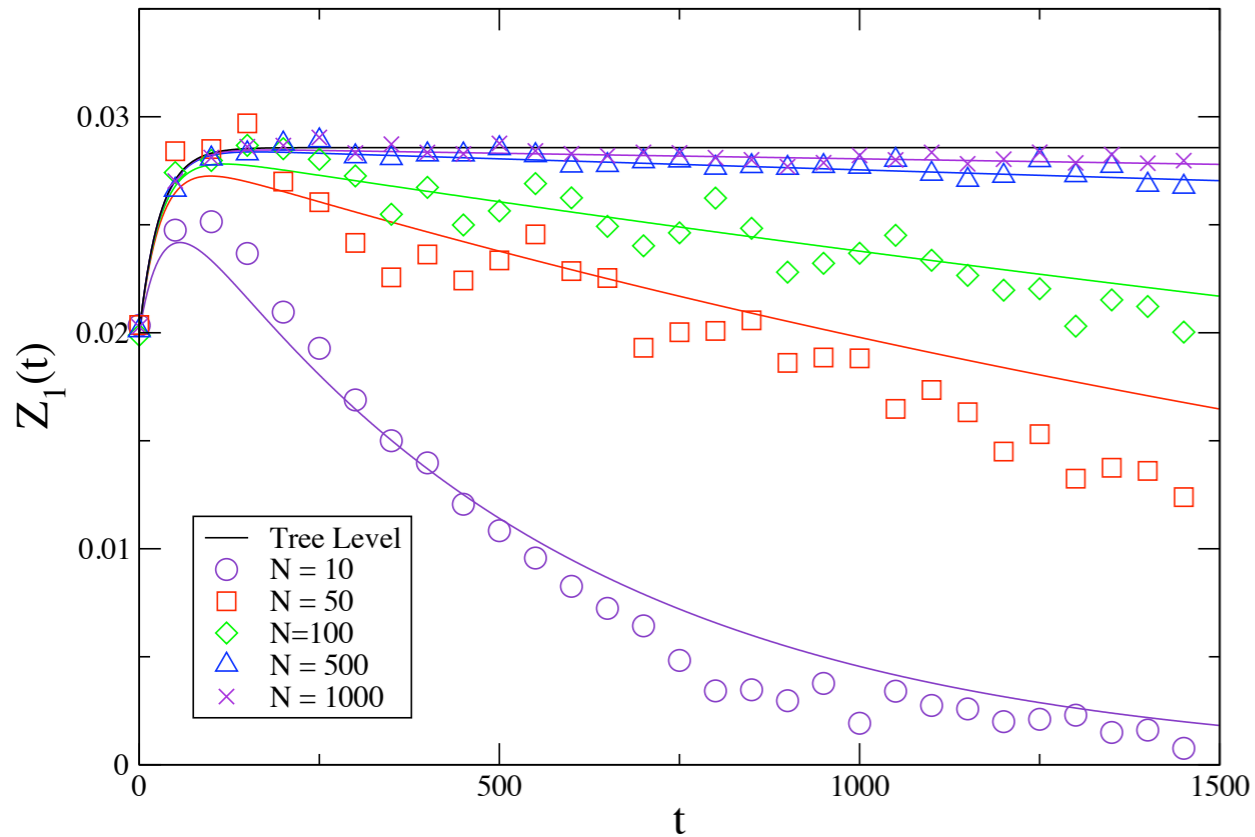
$Z$  decays (single oscillator diffuses)

$$Z(t) = \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{(\gamma - \frac{K}{2})} \left[ \gamma e^{-Dt} - \frac{K}{2} e^{s_1 t} \right]$$

# Stability due to oscillator diffusion



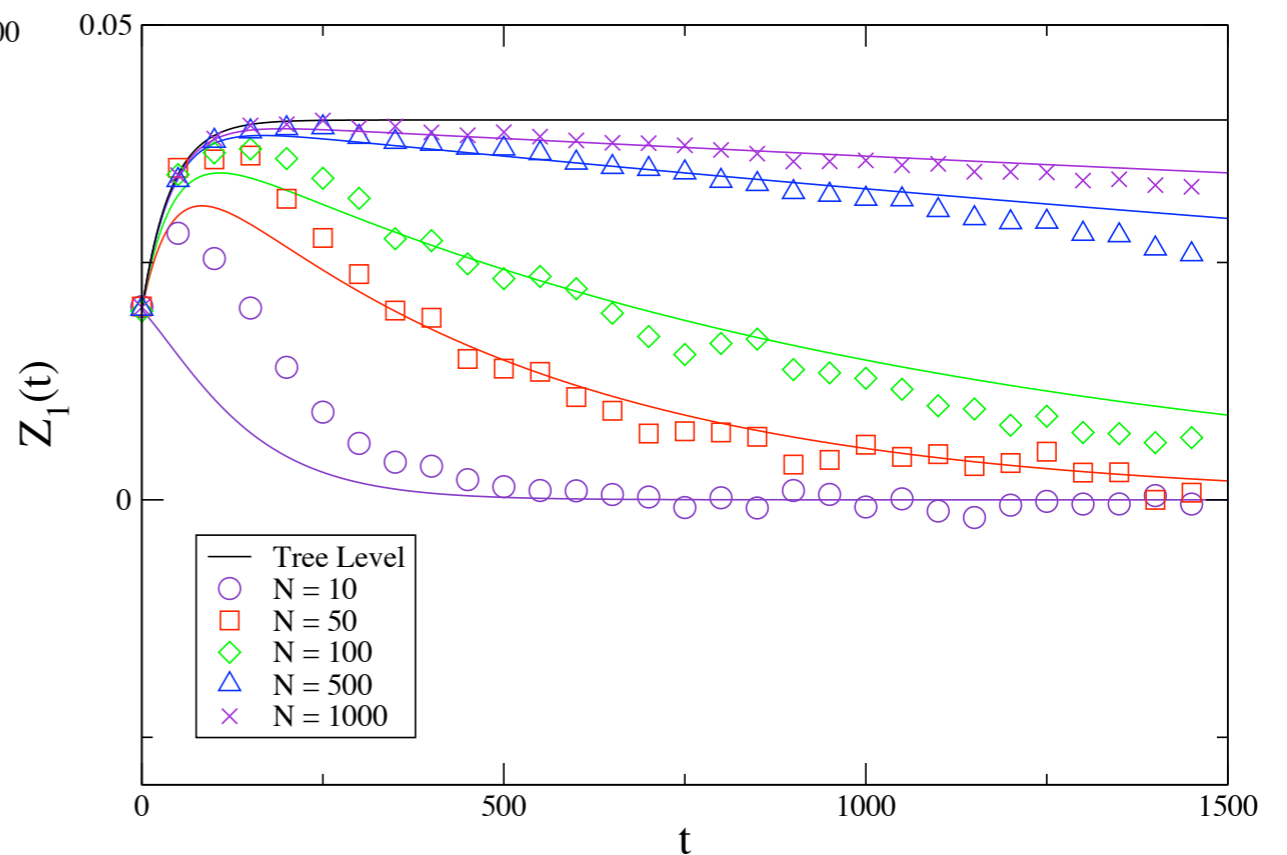
# Comparison to simulations



$$\omega_0 = 0$$

$$K = 0.3K_c$$

$$\omega_0 = 0$$
$$K = 0.5K_c$$





# Summary

- Large but not infinite network of coupled oscillators contain correlations and fluctuations not present in mean field limit
- Kinetic theory approach (Klimontovich equation) captures these effects
- Field theory, which is equivalent to BBGKY moment hierarchy, can be used for perturbative calculations