# Long-term Variation of the Coupling between Solar Proxies: Coupled Oscillators Approach

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### Outline

Introduction: cyclic scenarios and the meridional flow

Reconstructions in Kuramoto model

Advances: time-dependent coupling and Kuramoto's applicability

Advances: model misinterpretation — van der Poll-Duffing case



## Intro: Oscillating Trend in Solar Activity



#### Idea

Independently of physical background one should try to reproduce phenomena of the solar dynamo with models of interacting oscillators.



## Intro: Meridional Flow and Cells Structure



- *Three* cells of the meridional flow per hemisphere are assumed;
- Their placement is up to debate;



 Each cell is associated with an oscillator; one should consider their interactions (couplings).



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### Assumptions



- Relationship between the inner and outer layers is organized through the middle layer
- The coupling is symmetrical,  $\kappa_{ij} = \kappa_{ji}$
- Oscillators are synchronized:  $\dot{\theta}_i \dot{\theta}_j = 0$



### **Oscillators' Modelling: Reconstruction in Kuramoto**

- Two oscillators  $X_1(t)$  and  $X_2(t)$  given by the toroidal and poloidal magnetic fields and represented, f. i., by solar proxies ISSN and aa
- Single equation:  $|\dot{\theta}(t) = 2\Delta\omega \kappa(t)\sin\theta(t)|$ , where  $\theta = \theta_1 \theta_2$ .
- Correlation  $C_1(t) = (\text{Corr}(X_1(t), Y_1(t)))$  is computed over the period, say, T = 10.75 years with the sliding windows
- Estimate  $\varphi$  of the phase heta:  $\left| \varphi(t) = \arccos C_1(t) \right|$ , Blanter et al (2014)
- Synchronization  $\dot{\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow 2\Delta\omega \kappa(t)\sin\varphi(t) \approx 0$
- The estimate of the coupling

$$\kappa(t) = \frac{2\Delta\omega}{\sin\varphi(t)}$$

## A Reconstruction of Natural Frequencies



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- The opposite regime: the 1920s, the late 1960s, and the 2000s-



## Kuramoto Reconstruction: time-dependent coupling

### Time-dependency

- We move from constant couplings  $\kappa$  to time-dependent  $\kappa(t)$ ;
- Earlier there were *no* synchronisation if  $\Delta \omega > \kappa$ ; now temporarily breaks are allowed.

### Derived regularities

- rapid changes in initial coupling results in long relaxation time of reconstructed coupling
- long breaks of the synchronisation inequality results into complete reconstruction failure (fig.)
- Adding AR(1) noise could lead to this failure (the probability depends on autocorrelation and deterministic coupling)



## Kuramoto Reconstruction: time-dependent coupling



### Example for solar data

- Reconstruction procedure applied to *polar faculae* data;
- Initial coupling extracted by quasi-stationary assumption; the coupling is reconstructed one;



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- Reconstruction (except the 20th cycle) is successful;
- With addition of AR(1) noise, the 20th cycle has a high probability of reconstruction failure.



### Oscillators' modelling: van der Poll-Duffing Oscillator

- Lack of solar physical background in case of Kuramoto oscillators;
- More comprehensive (no sine-like) form of solar cycles;
- Can be derived from MHD equations (+ assumption of axysymmetry)

$$\frac{d^{2}B_{\phi}}{dt^{2}} + \omega^{2}B_{\phi} + \mu(3\xi B_{\phi}^{2} - 1)\frac{dB_{\phi}}{dt} - \lambda B_{\phi}^{3} = 0$$





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## From Single VPD to Coupled VPD

### Coupled van der Poll-Duffing



$$\begin{cases} \ddot{x} - (\lambda_1 - x^2)\dot{x} + (1 - \Delta\omega)x + \beta x^3 - \mu(\dot{x} - \dot{y}) = 0\\ \ddot{y} - (\lambda_2 - y^2)\dot{y} + (1 + \Delta\omega)y + \beta y^3 - \mu(\dot{y} - \dot{x}) = 0 \end{cases}$$



#### Idea

- Numerically establish correlation/coupling relation for VPD model
- Extract VPD coupling from correlation/coupling relation per solar cycle
- Reconstruct with Kuramoto



## Models' Misinterpretation Bias in Reconstruction



### Results

- Reconstruction is not entirely catastrophic (error does not exceed  $\sim 10\%$ )
- The 20th cycle remains to be anomaly
- Proper way to choose the natural frequency level  $(\Delta \omega)$  is crucial



### Thank you for attention

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