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Keynote: Self-organized quasiperiodic dynamics in ensembles of nonlinearly coupled oscillators

We briefly discuss synchronization and appearance of collective motion in large ensembles of all-to-all coupled oscillators. We illustrate the effect by several real world examples and present a theoretical description in the framework of the Kuramoto model. Next, we present recent results on collective dynamics of populations of nonlinearly coupled oscillators and discuss a corresponding generalization of the Kuramoto model. In particular, we demonstrate a transition from fully synchronous periodic oscillations to partially synchronous quasiperiodic dynamics in ensembles of identical oscillators with coupling that nonlinearly depends on the generalized order parameters. We present an analytically solvable model that predicts a regime where the mean field does not entrain individual oscillators, but has a frequency incommensurate to theirs. The self-organized onset of quasiperiodicity is illustrated with Landau-Stuart oscillators, Josephson junction array with a nonlinear coupling, and ensembles of chaotic Roessler oscillators.