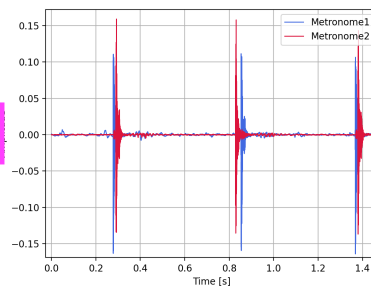
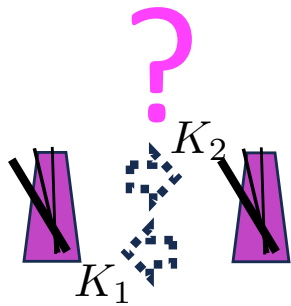


# Inference theory for coupling direction between synchronized oscillators and its experimental verification

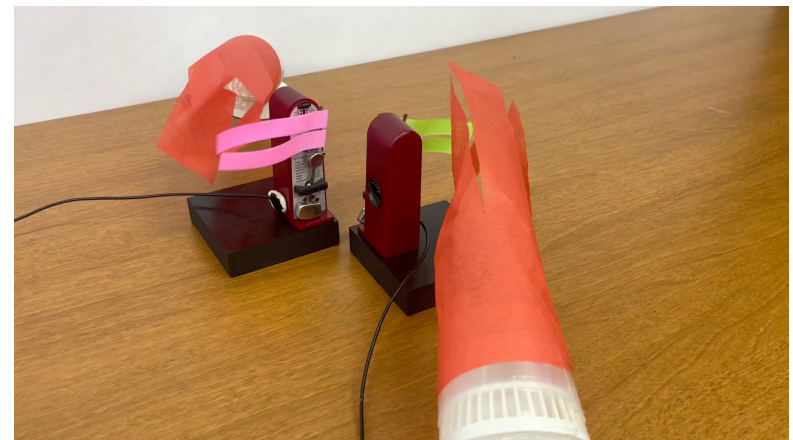
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Inference theory

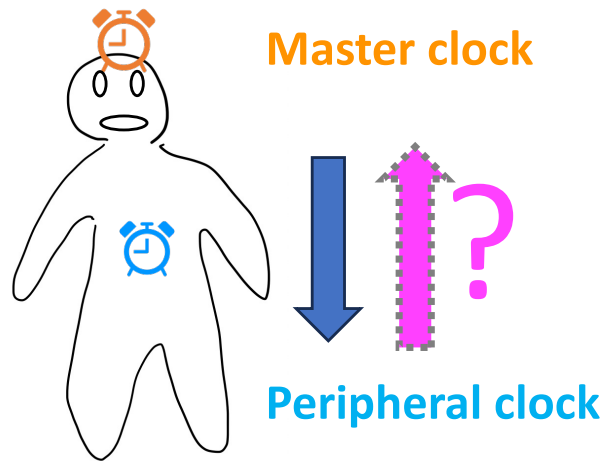


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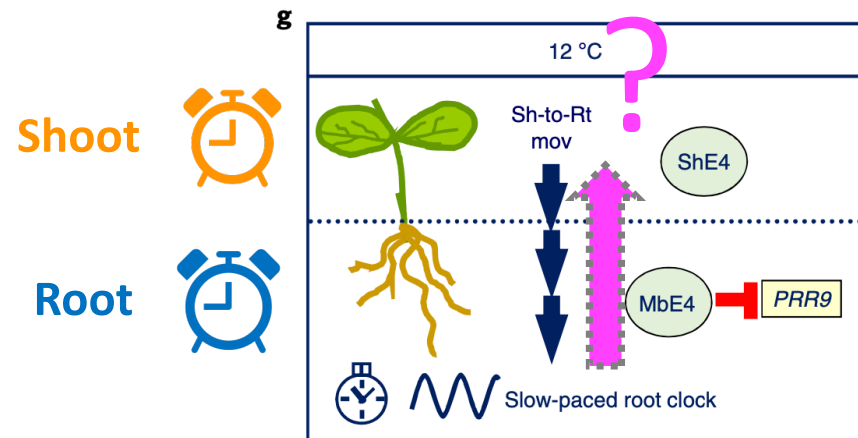
# Coupling direction in synchronized oscillators

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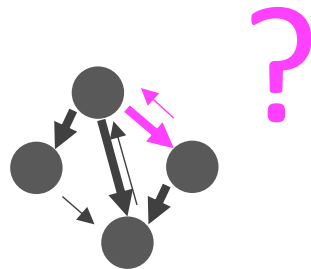
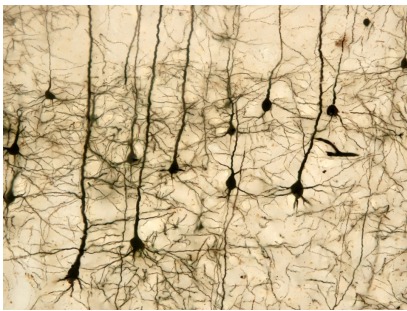


## (Plant)

W. W. Chen et al.,  
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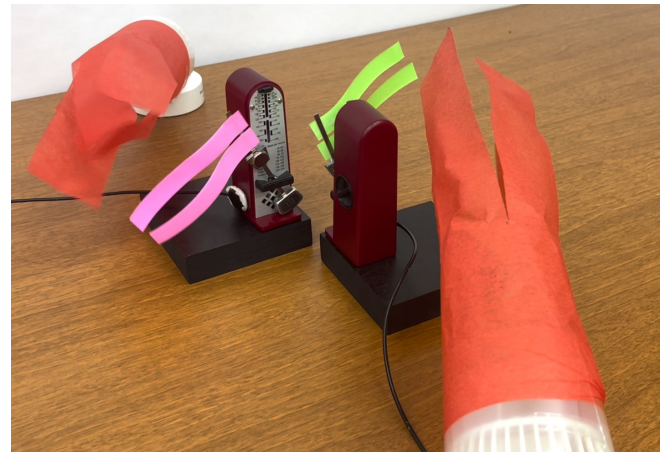


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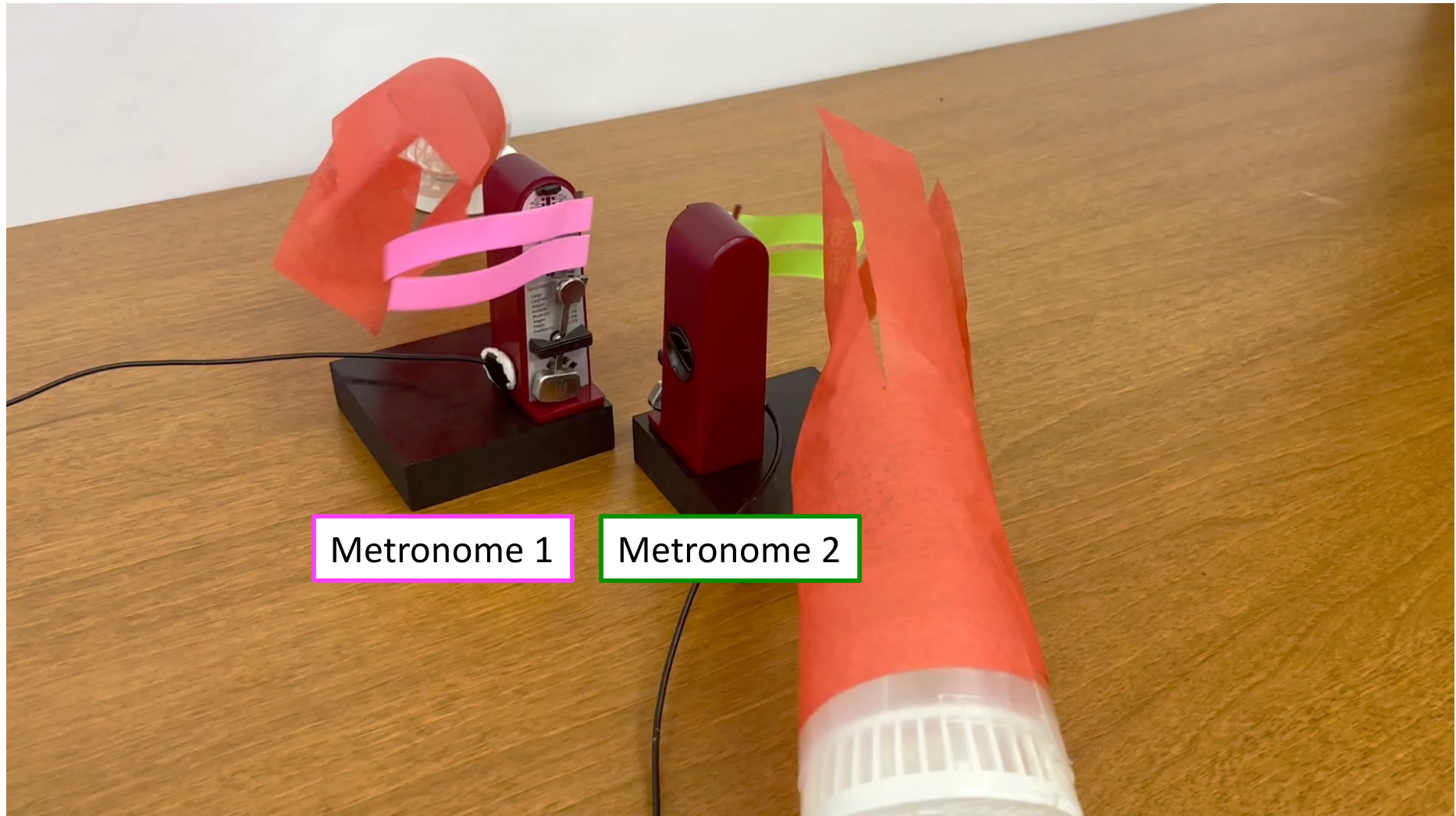


PNAS "Predictions could help neurons, and the brain, learn"

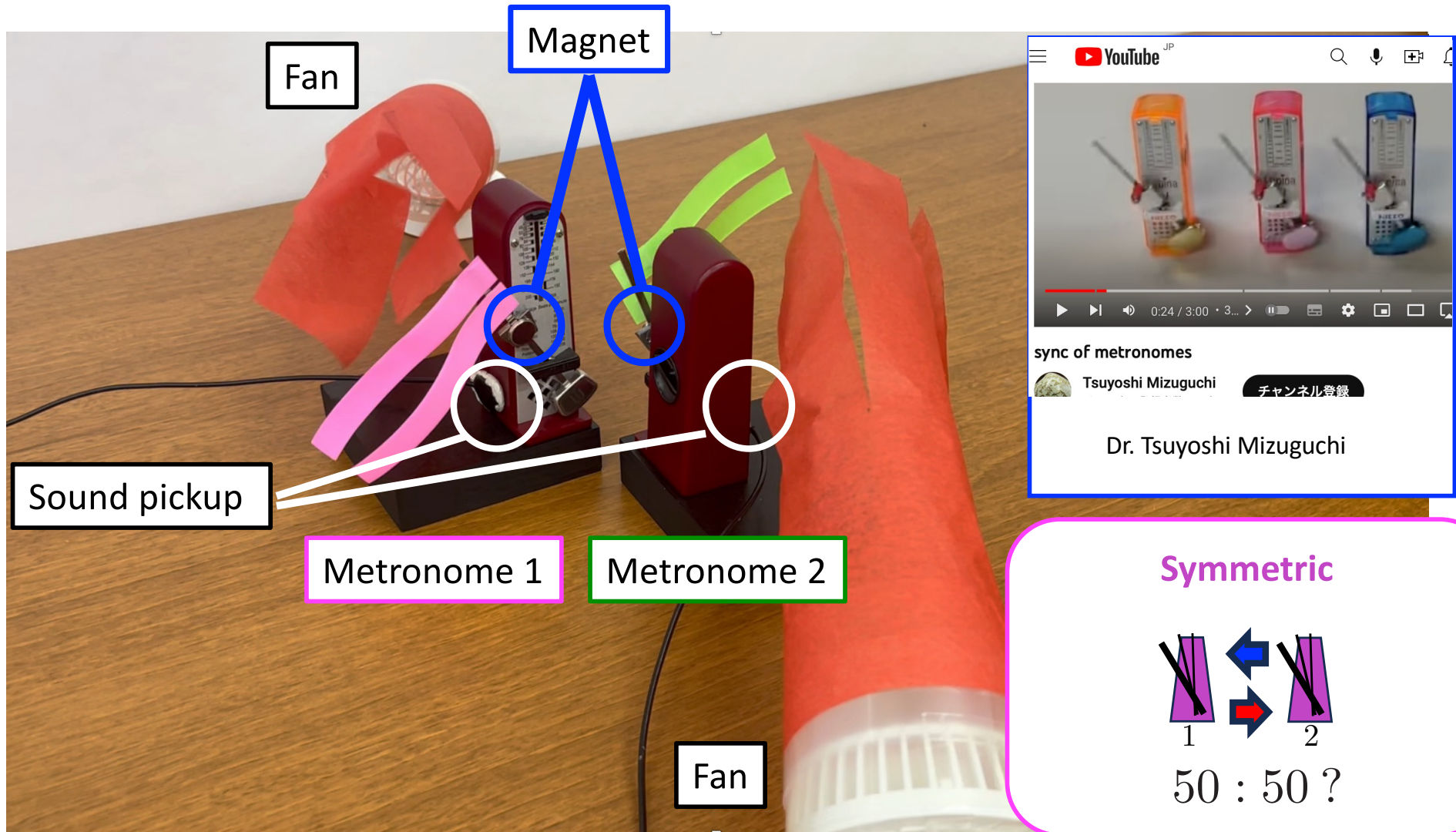
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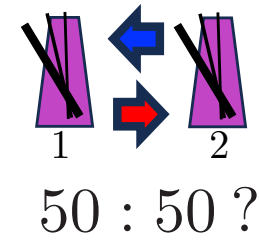
# Synchronized metronomes



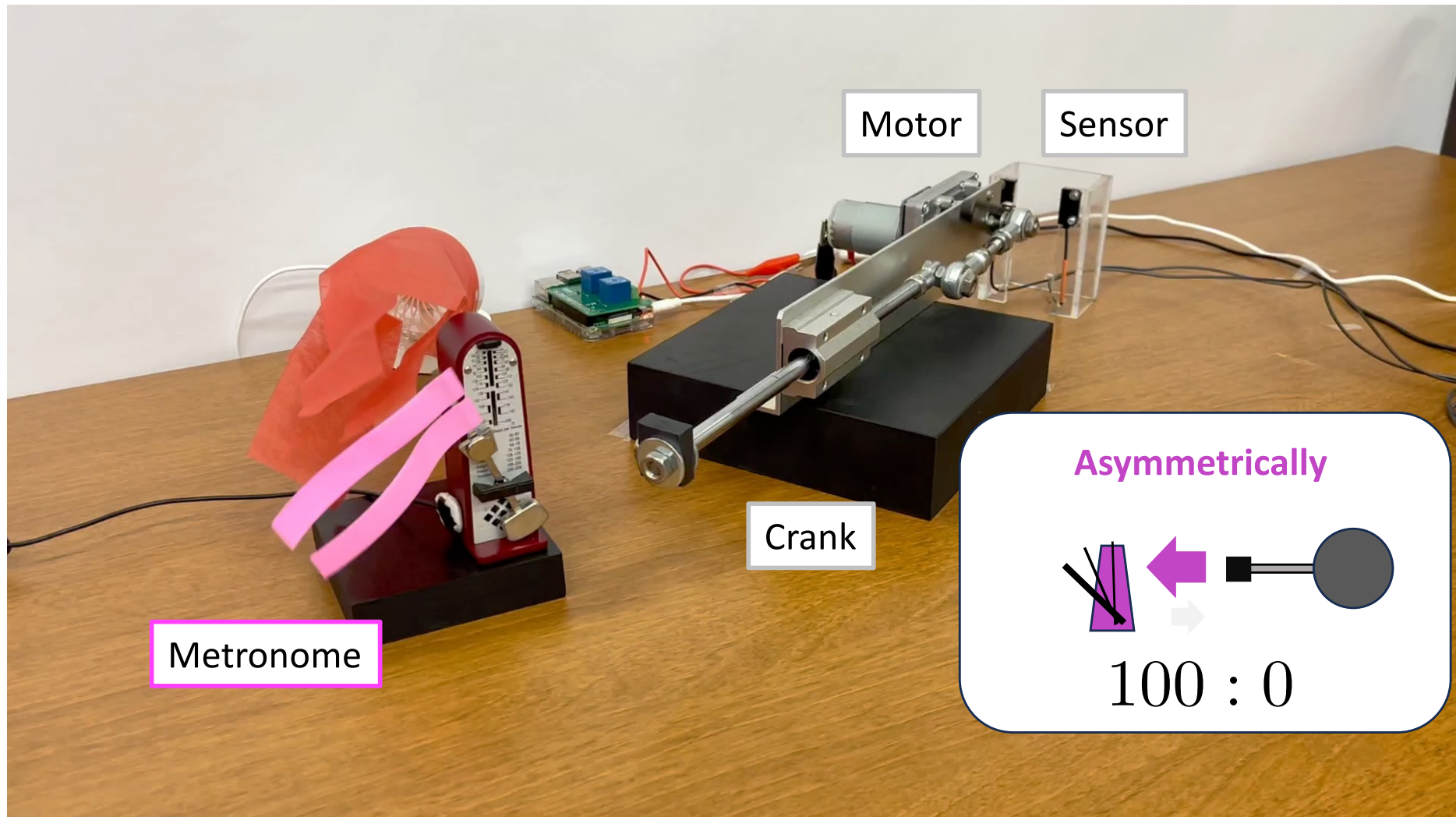
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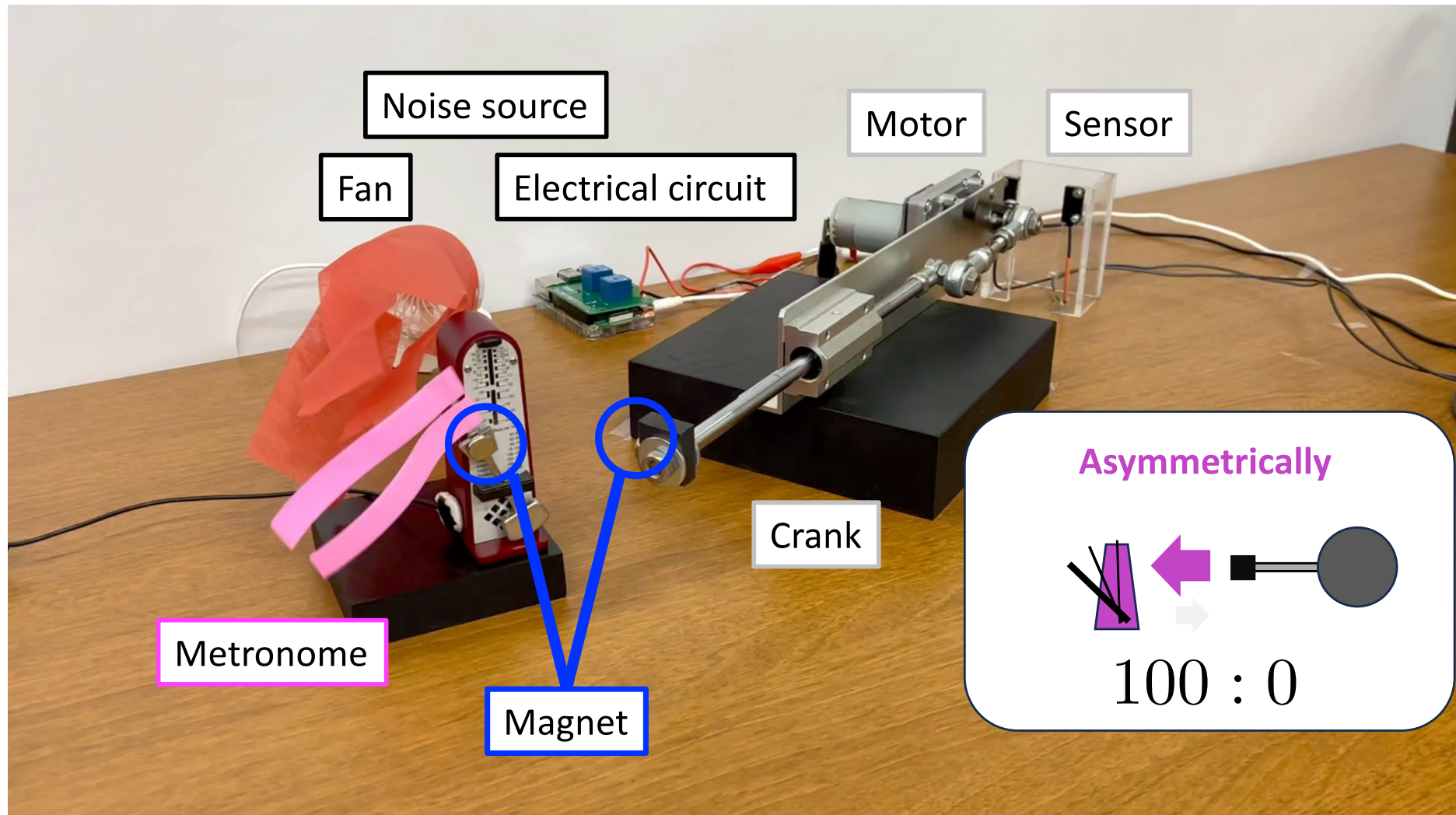
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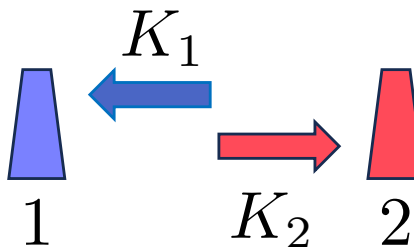
# Metronome + Crank



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# Coupling direction ratio

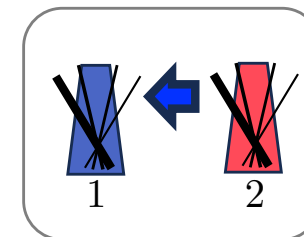
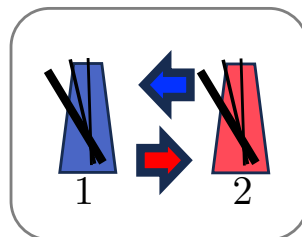
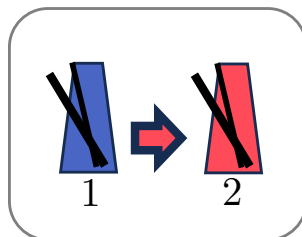
$$R \equiv \frac{K_1}{K_1 + K_2}$$


The diagram shows two trapezoidal blocks, labeled 1 and 2. Block 1 is blue and block 2 is red. A blue arrow labeled  $K_1$  points from block 2 towards block 1. A red arrow labeled  $K_2$  points from block 1 towards block 2.

$R = 0$

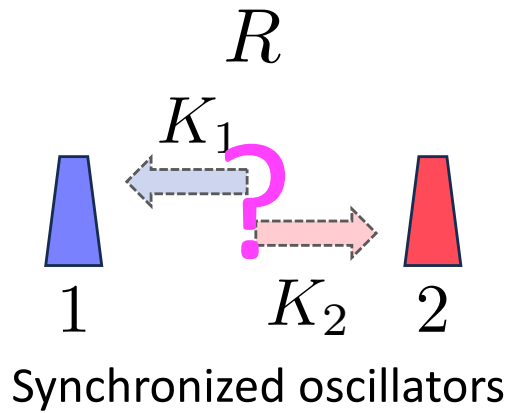
$R = 0.5$

$R = 1$

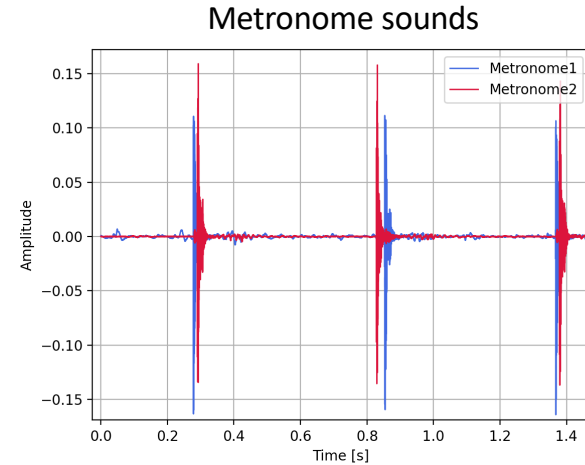


# Question

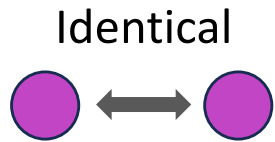
Can  $R$  be inferred ?



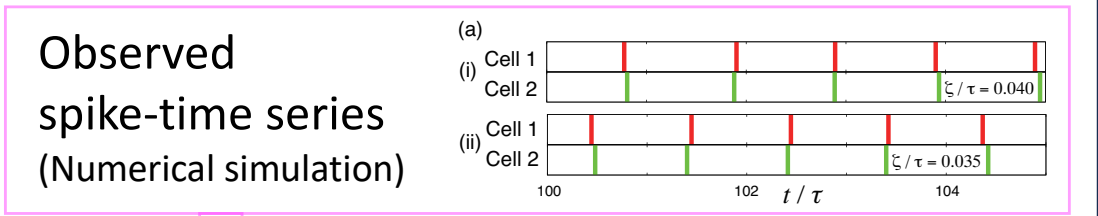
Spike-timing fluctuations



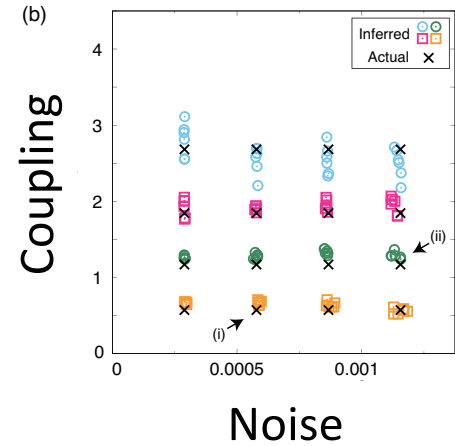
Our previous study



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Inferred!



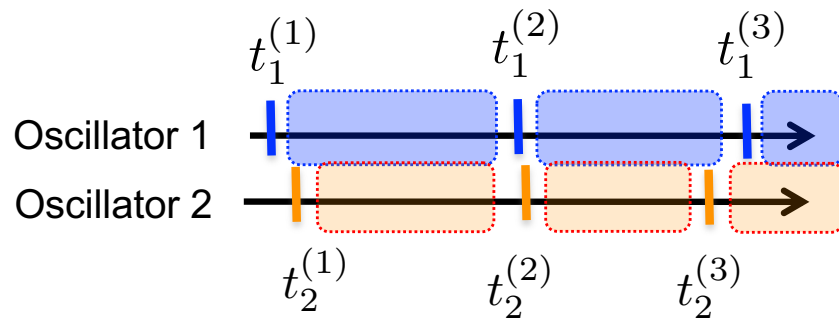


# Inference formula

Extension of the theory  
in FM and H. Kori, PNAS 2022 ※ Different notations

$$R = \frac{V_2 - V_1 + 2W_2}{2(W_1 + W_2)}$$

## Spike-time series



## Statistics

$V_1$  Variance in periods of oscillator 1

$V_2$  Variance in periods of oscillator 2

$W_1$  Correlation between periods of oscillator 1 and spike-time lags

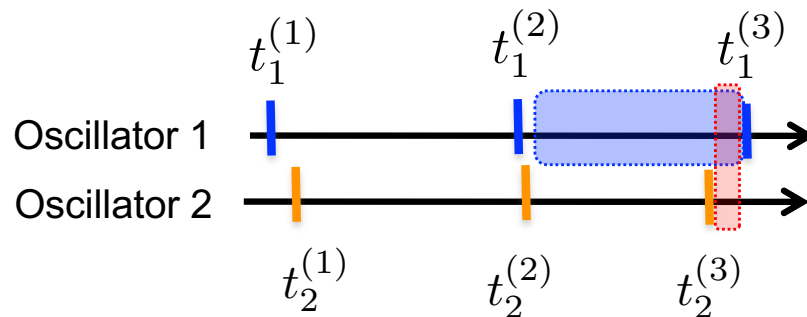
$W_2$  Correlation between periods of oscillator 2 and spike-time lags

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# Numerical demonstration

FitzHugh-Nagumo oscillator 1

FitzHugh-Nagumo oscillator 2

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{1} \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dv_1}{dt} = v_1(v_1 - \alpha)(1 - v_1) - w_1 + \kappa_1(v_2 - v_1) + \sqrt{D}\xi_1(t) \\ \frac{dw_1}{dt} = a(v_1 - \beta w_1) \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{2} \\
 \left[ \begin{array}{l} \frac{dv_2}{dt} = \dots + \kappa_2(v_1 - v_2) \dots \\ \frac{dw_2}{dt} = \dots \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

Stochastic simulation

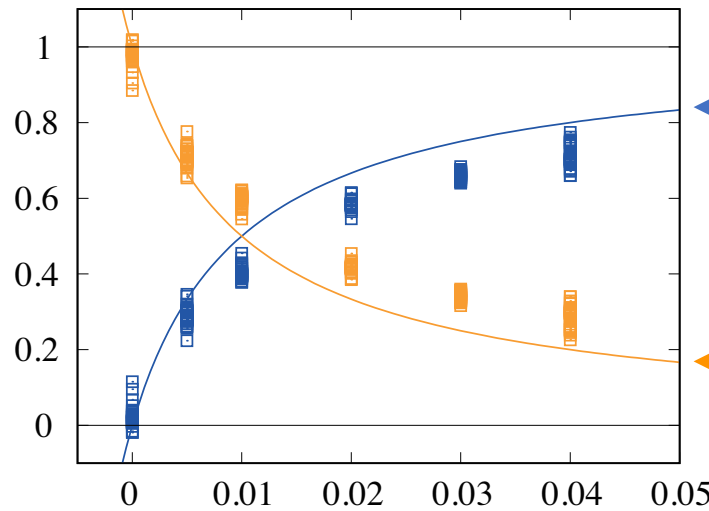
→ Statistics

→ Inference formula

$R$

$1 - R$

It can be inferred.



$$\frac{\kappa_1}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}$$

Actual parameter ratio

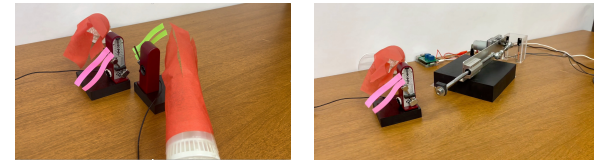
$$\frac{\kappa_2}{\kappa_1 + \kappa_2}$$

Coupling parameter  $\kappa_1$

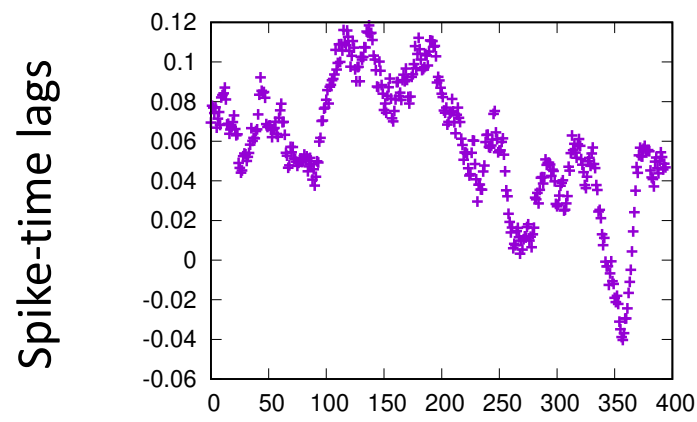
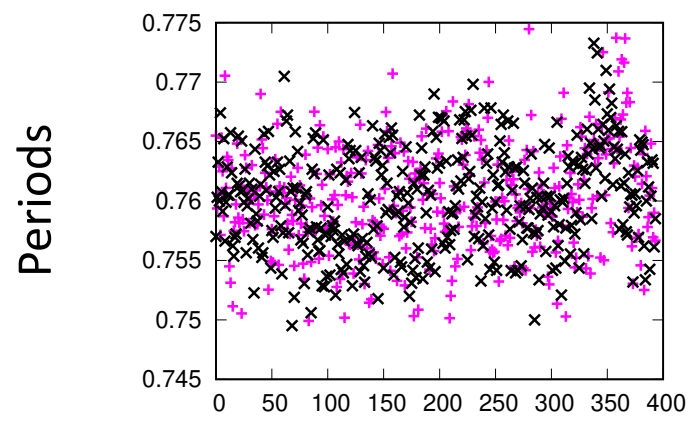
( $\kappa_2 = 0.01$ )

Information of FitzHugh-Nagumo equation were not used.

# Metronome experiments

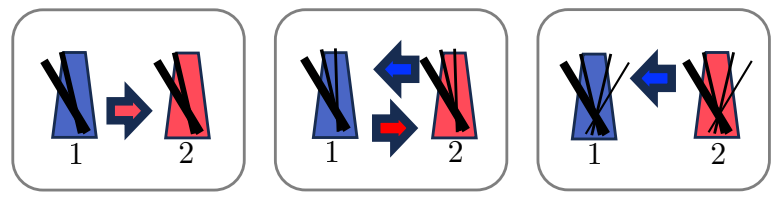


Observed data (3 min)



Oscillation counts

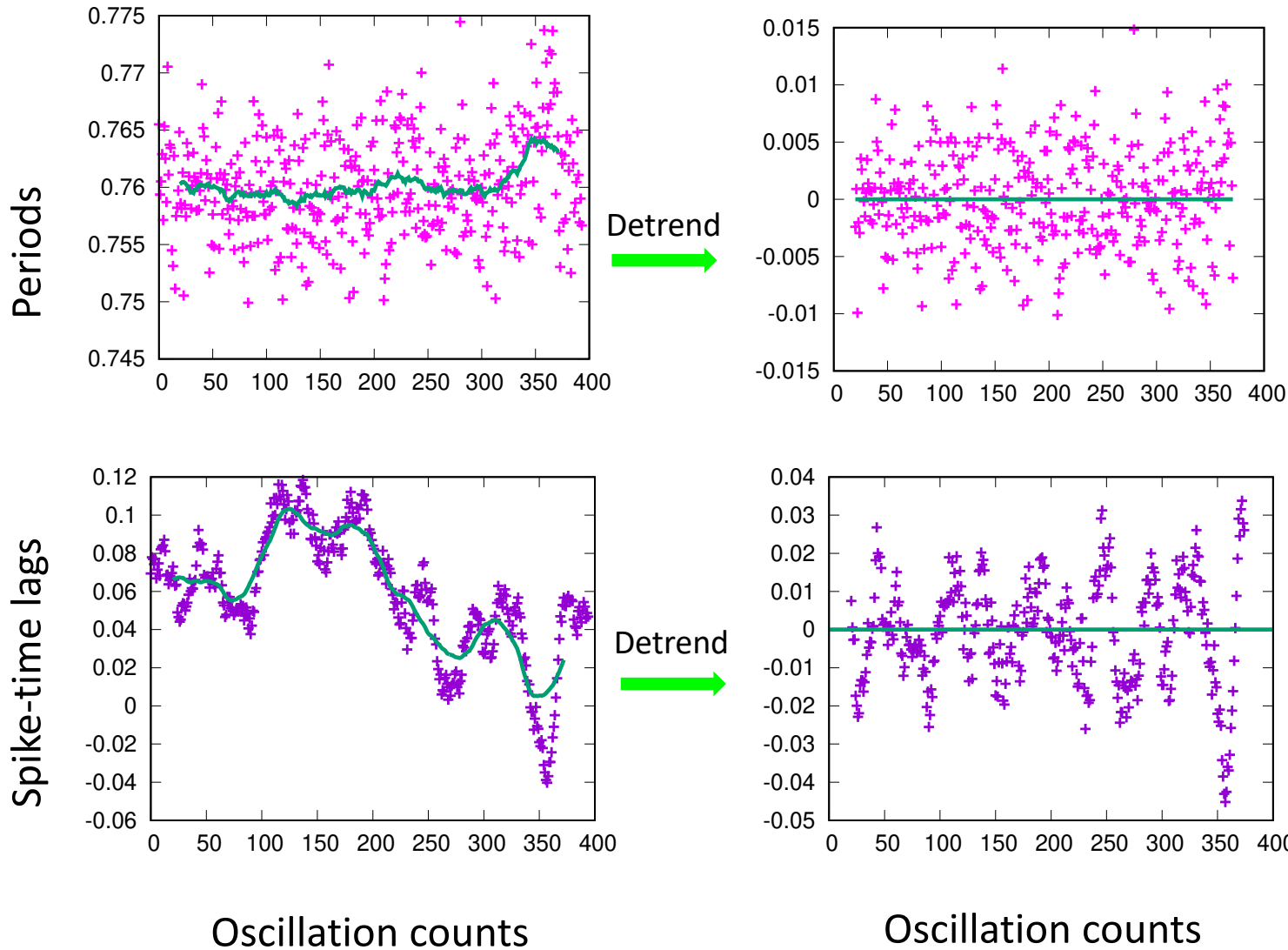
Which case?



Inference formula!

# Detrend

The moving average period is  $L=41$ .

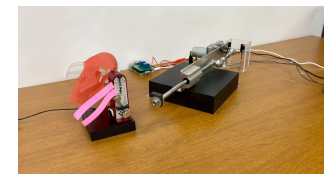
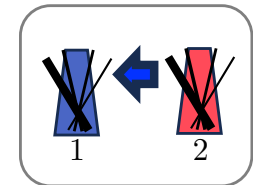


$$\begin{matrix} V_1 & V_2 \\ W_1 & W_2 \end{matrix}$$



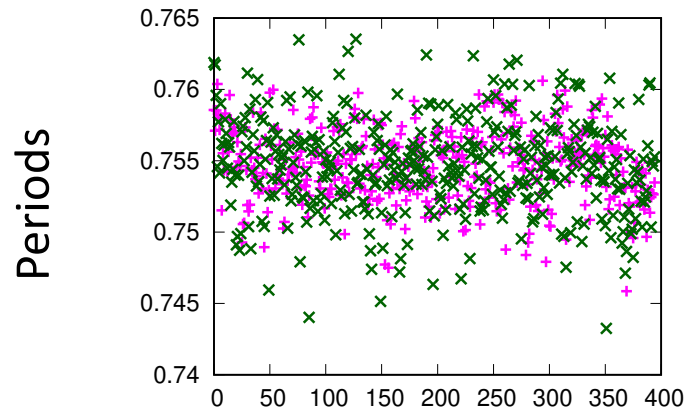
$$R=1.16$$

$$\approx 1.0$$



# Metronome experiments

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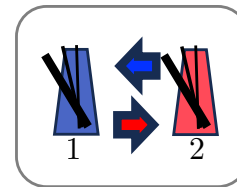


→ Detrend

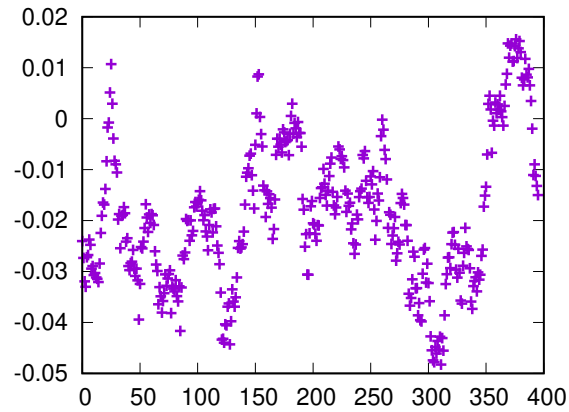
→ Statistics

→ Formula

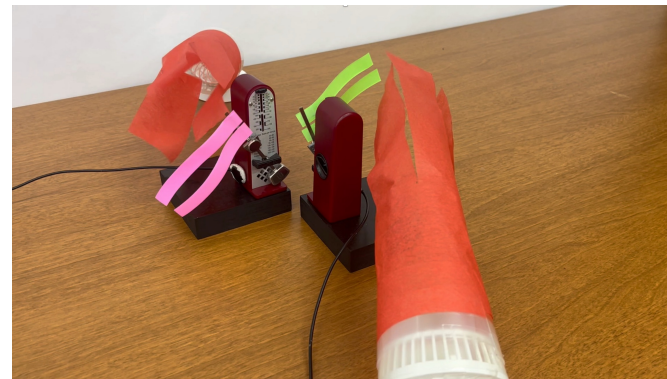
$R=0.53$



Spike-time lags



Oscillation counts

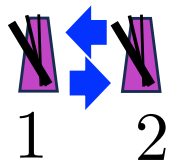


30 times

30 times

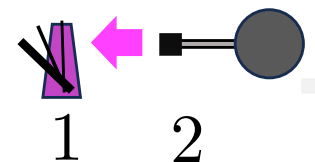
Bidirectional

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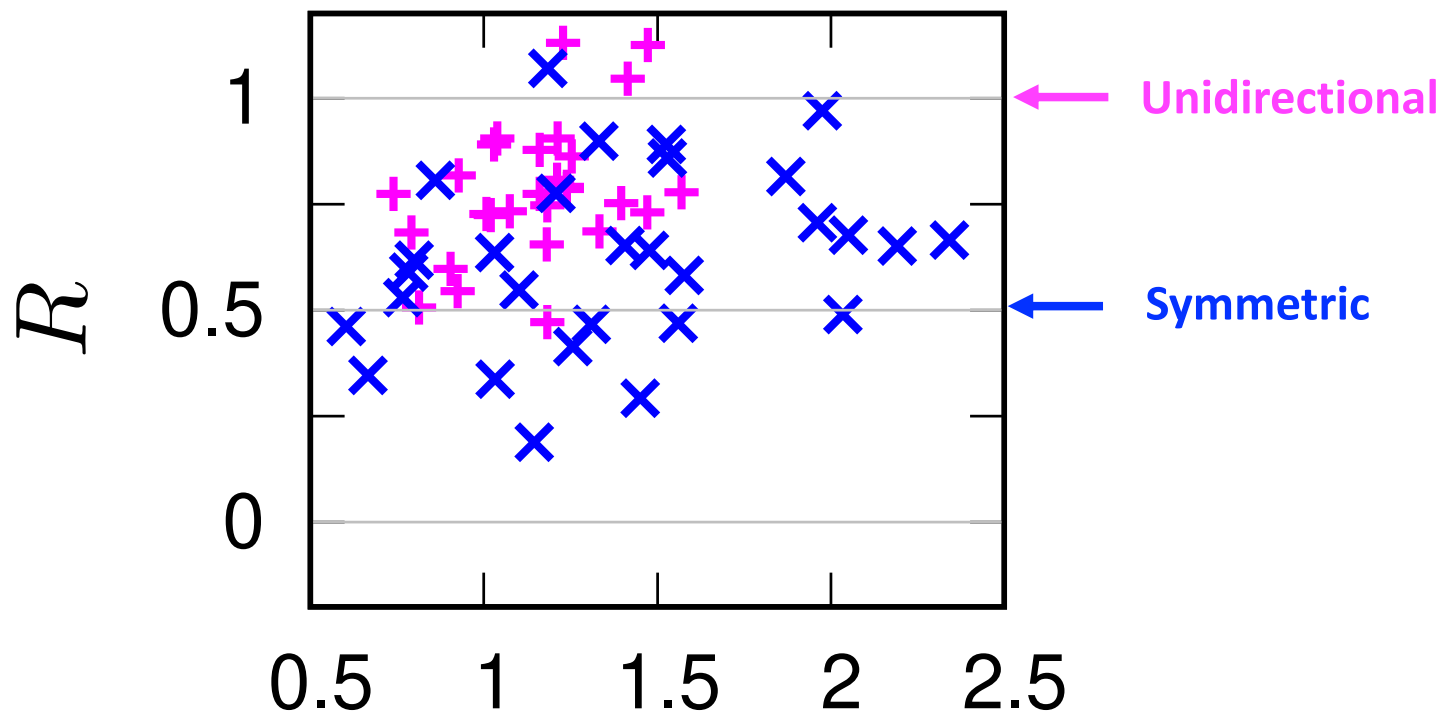


Unidirectional

+



L=41 (Moving average period)



$$\sqrt{\frac{V_1}{V_2}}$$

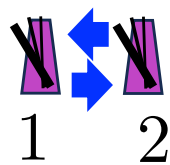
Variance in periods of oscillator 1

Variance in periods of oscillator 2

30 times

Bidirectional

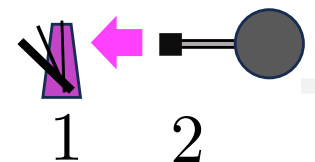
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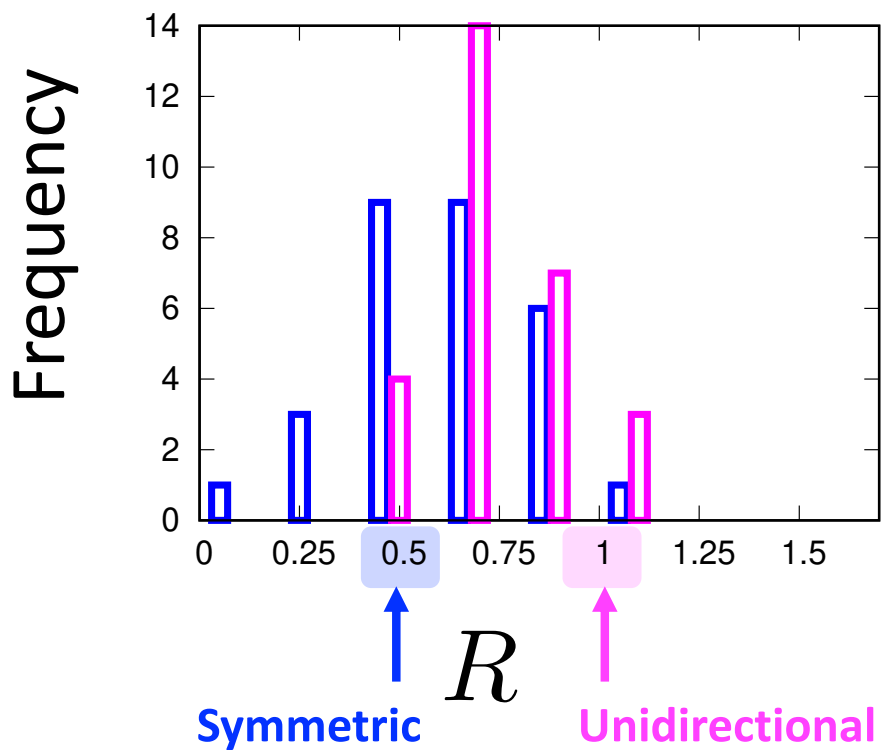
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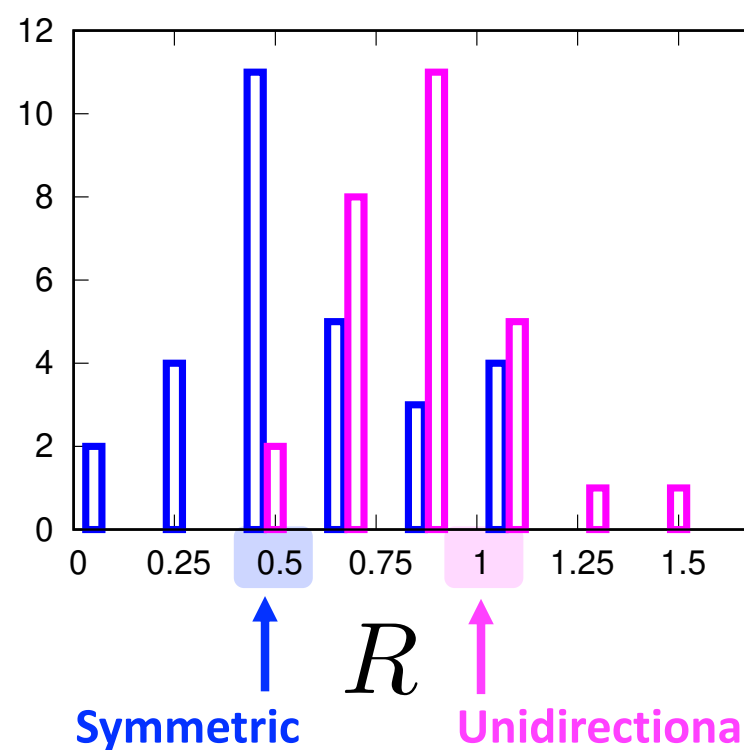
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L=41 (Moving average period)



L=61 (Moving average period)





## Model

# Coupled phase oscillators

No-trending case

Describing weakly coupled limit-cycle oscillators

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} = \omega_1 + \kappa_1 \Gamma_1(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + \epsilon Z_1(\theta_1) \sqrt{D_1} \xi_1(t) \\ \frac{d\theta_2}{dt} = \omega_2 + \kappa_2 \Gamma_2(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \epsilon Z_2(\theta_2) \sqrt{D_2} \xi_2(t) \end{array} \right.$$

Frequency      Coupling      Phase response      i.i.d noise

[Assumptions]

- Weak noise  $\epsilon \ll 1$
- Close frequencies  $\omega_1 \simeq \omega_2$
- In-phase synchronization

Modified model

# Coupled phase oscillators

Trending case

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{d\theta_1}{dt} = [\omega_1 + \tilde{\epsilon}\tilde{\omega}_1(t)] + [\kappa_1 + \tilde{\epsilon}\tilde{\kappa}_1(t)]\Gamma_1(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + \epsilon Z_1(\theta_1)\sqrt{D_1}\xi_1(t) \\ \frac{d\theta_2}{dt} = [\omega_2 + \tilde{\epsilon}\tilde{\omega}_2(t)] + [\kappa_2 + \tilde{\epsilon}\tilde{\kappa}_2(t)]\Gamma_2(\theta_2 - \theta_1) + \epsilon Z_2(\theta_2)\sqrt{D_2}\xi_2(t) \end{array} \right.$$

**Slow modification**

[Assumptions]

Weak noise  $\epsilon, \tilde{\epsilon} \ll 1$

Well synchronized

- Phase difference  $\rightarrow$  Attractor
- Spike-time lags are small.

# Derivation of inference formula

$V_1$   $V_2$   $W_1$   $W_2$  were obtained by the lowest order approximation.

$$\begin{array}{l} V_1 = \text{(Phase diffusion)} - 2 \frac{K_1}{K_1 + K_2} W_1 \\ V_2 = \text{(Phase diffusion)} - 2 \frac{K_2}{K_1 + K_2} W_2 \end{array}$$

R

(1-R)

Variances

Correlations

Not necessary to know  
the details of the function forms

# Conclusions

[Theory] We derived inference formula that infers coupling direction in synchronized oscillators.

Extension of the theory in FM and H. Kori, PNAS 2022

[Simulations] We numerically confirmed the validity.

[Experiments] Our theory could distinguish between unidirectional and bidirectional coupling systems.