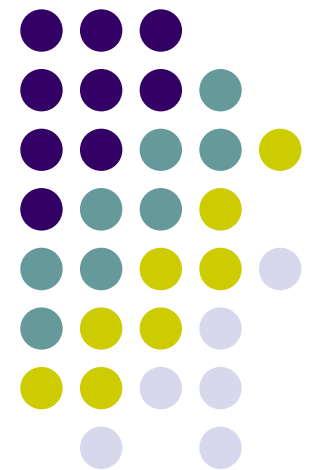


Isochronal Synchrony and Bidirectional Communication with Delay-Coupled Ikeda Ring Lasers

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Introduction



- Synchronization of chaotic systems leads to applications in communications and control – it is a useful phenomenon.



Introduction

- We propose a model system for simultaneous, bidirectional communication.
- Mutually delay-coupled systems:
 - Synchronize with delay (achronal) rather than isochronal.
 - Erratic switching between leader and follower.
- Reliable bidirectional communication requires isochronal synchrony.

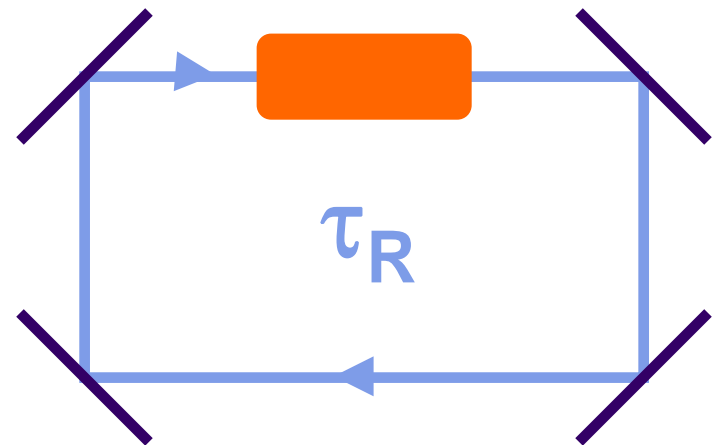


Ikeda Ring Lasers (IR)

- Simplest model of fiber ring lasers.
- No spatial dependence. Consider single point along ring (just before amplifying medium), then:

$$E(t+\tau_R) = f \{E_{in}(t), w(t)\}$$

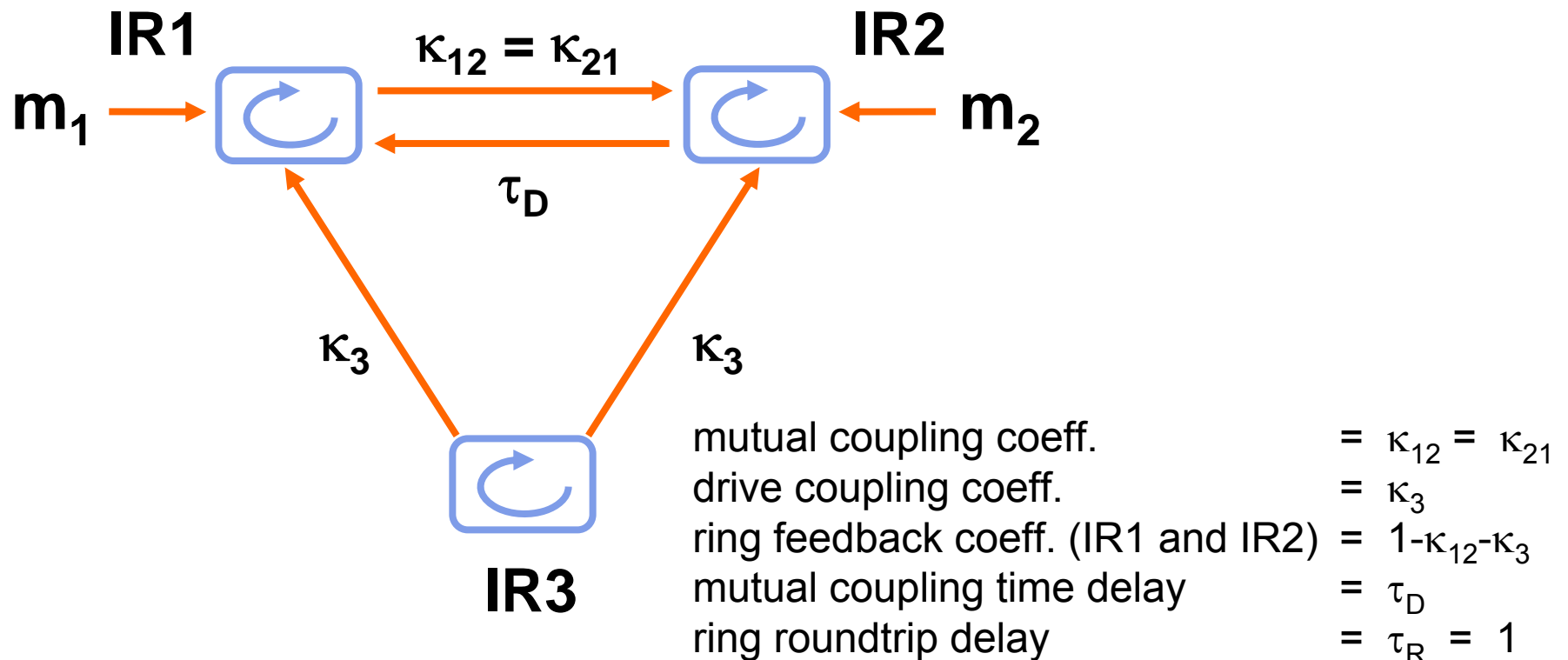
$$dw/dt = g \{w(t), |E_{in}(t)|^2\}$$

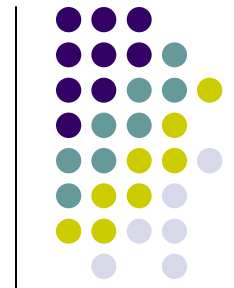




Scheme for Isochronal Synchrony

- Symmetrically inject the signal of a drive system (IR3) into the two mutually coupled IRs.



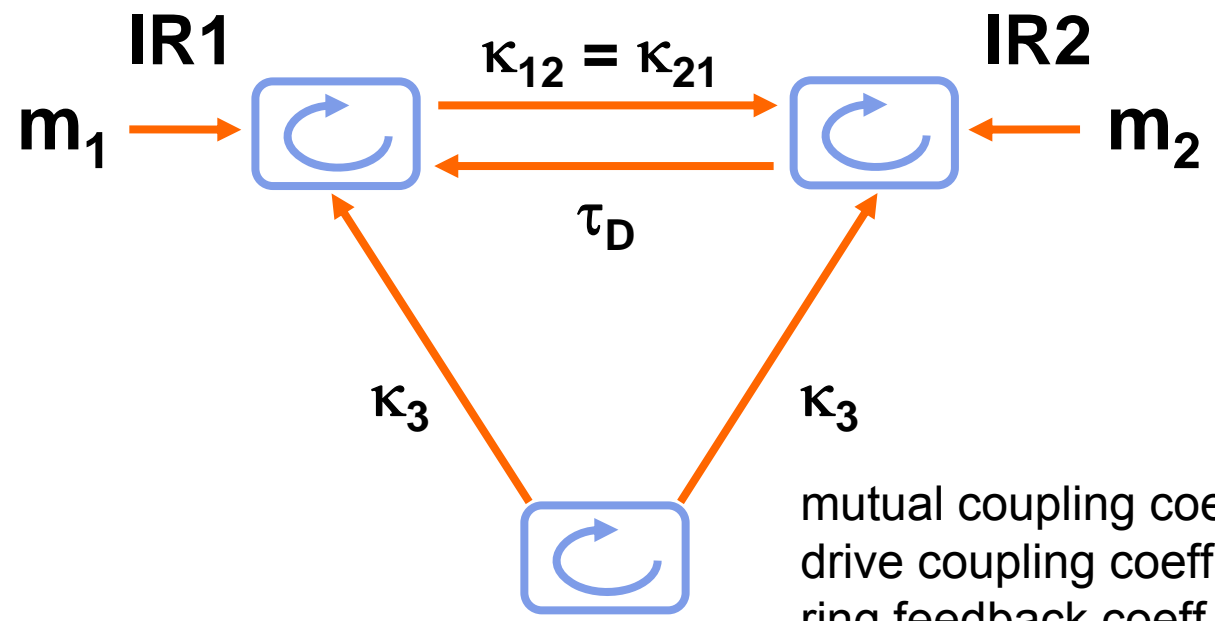


Injected Msg Rec. Msg

Self-Feedback Coupling

$$E_{1,in} = \boxed{(1-\kappa_{12}-\kappa_3) E_1(t)} + \underline{m_1(t)} + \boxed{\kappa_{12} E_2(t-\tau_D)} + \underline{m_2(t-\tau_D)} + \boxed{\kappa_3 E_3(t)}$$

Drive

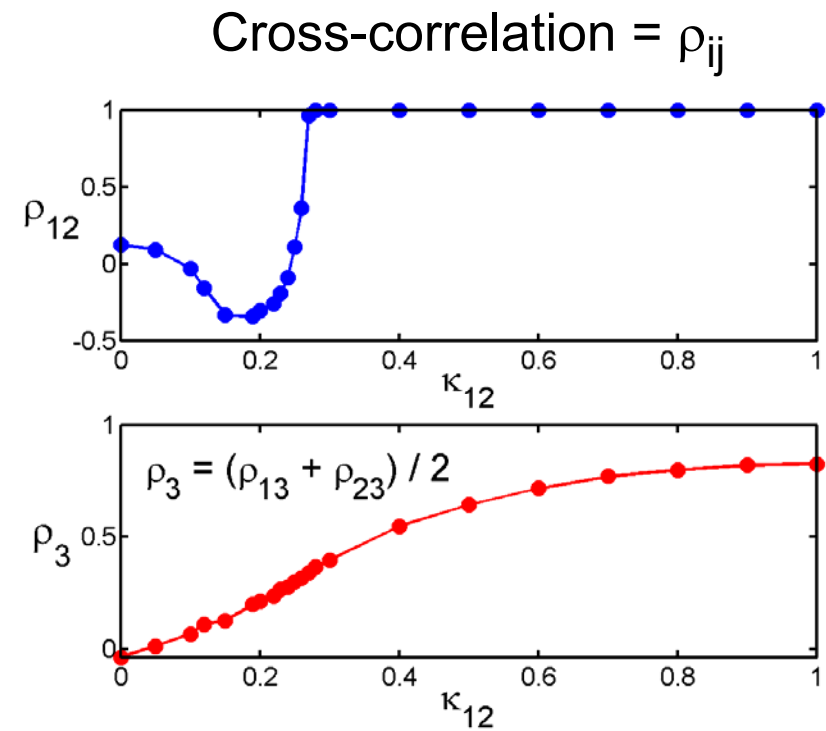
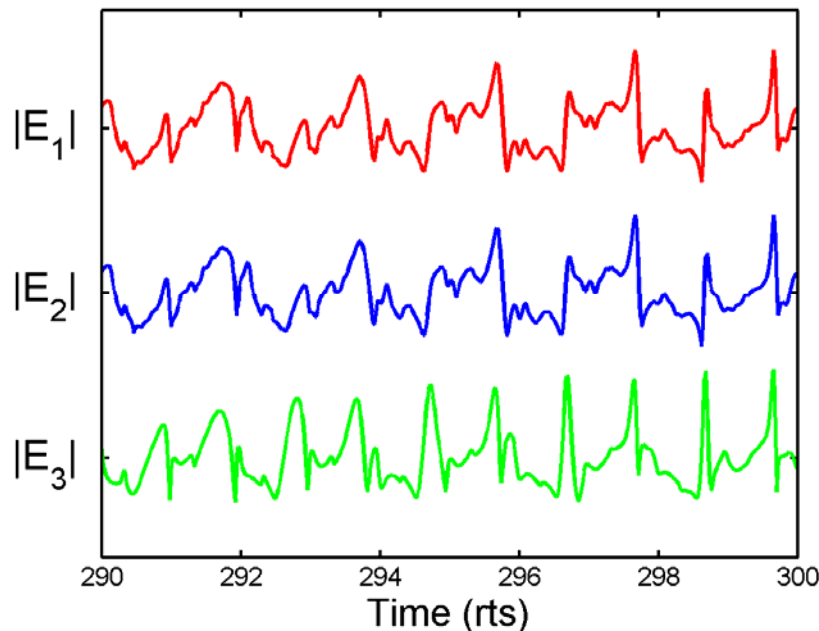


- mutual coupling coeff. = $\kappa_{12} = \kappa_{21}$
- drive coupling coeff. = κ_3
- ring feedback coeff. (IR1 and IR2) = $1-\kappa_{12}-\kappa_3$
- mutual coupling time delay = τ_D
- ring roundtrip delay = $\tau_R = 1$



Isochronal Synchrony

- Stable above critical drive coupling.
- Generalized synchrony of IR1 and IR2 to drive IR3.



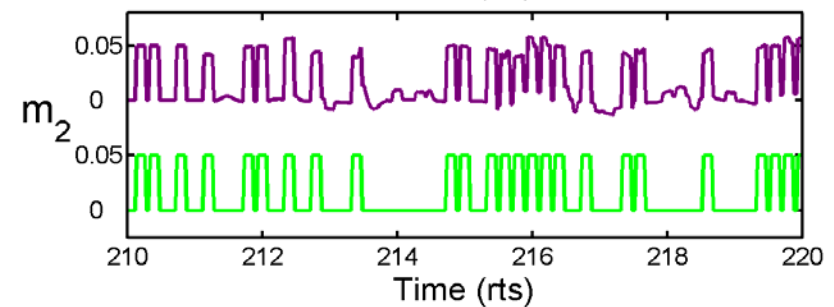
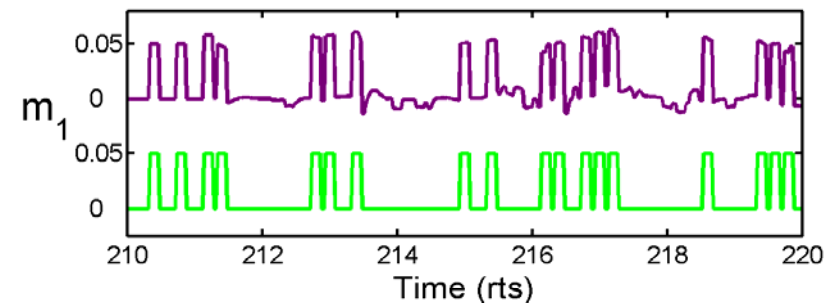


Bidirectional Messaging

- Two-way chaos modulation technique:
 - $E_1(t) \rightarrow E_2(t)$
 - IR1 receives $E_2(t) + m_2(t)$.
 - Hence, $[E_2(t) + m_2(t)] - E_1(t) \rightarrow m_2(t)$.

- Difference in transmitted messages perturbs perfect synchrony.
BER $< 10^{-4}$.

Purple – Decoded
Green – Transmitted



Extensions

- Isochronal synchrony holds for:
 - Non-identical drive signals (Rössler oscillator).
 - Three coupled IRs in a chain each driven by a fourth IR.
- Similar systems of nonlinear oscillators.

