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Figure 1 for FoP paper: Emergence of Time and  $\sqrt{N}$  Stabilization
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Vectorised over realisations; coupling computed via the Kuramoto  
order parameter so cost is  $O(R \cdot N)$  per step instead of  $O(R \cdot N^2)$ .
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For all-to-all coupling on  $K_N$ :
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$$Z[r] = (1/N) \sum_j \exp(i \phi_j[r])$$

$$(K/N) \sum_j \sin(\phi_j - \phi_i) = K \cdot \text{Im}(Z \cdot \exp(-i \phi_i))$$

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import numpy as np  
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt  
from pathlib import Path  
import time
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omega_0 = 1.0  
K        = 2.0  
sigma    = 0.6  
T_total  = 50.0  
dt        = 0.02  
n_steps  = int(T_total / dt)
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def step_coupling(phi):
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    """Vectorised Kuramoto coupling using order parameter.  
    phi: (R, N) array. Returns coupling array of same shape."""  
    e_iphi = np.exp(1j * phi) # (R, N)  
    Z       = e_iphi.mean(axis=1, keepdims=True) # (R, 1)  
    # K * Im( Z * exp(-i phi) )  
    return K * np.imag(Z * np.conj(e_iphi))
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def simulate_kN_batch(N, R, dt, n_steps, seed=0, store_traj=False):
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    rng = np.random.default_rng(seed)  
    phi = rng.uniform(0.0, 2*np.pi, size=(R, N))  
    sqrt_dt = np.sqrt(dt)  
    if store_traj:  
        traj = np.empty((n_steps, R, N), dtype=np.float64)  
    for step in range(n_steps):  
        if store_traj:  
            traj[step] = phi  
        if N > 1:
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        coupling = step_coupling(phi)
    else:
        coupling = 0.0
        noise = sigma * sqrt_dt * rng.standard_normal(size=(R, N))
        phi = phi + (omega_0 + coupling) * dt + noise
    if store_traj:
        return phi, traj
    return phi

# ----- (A) Trajectory demo -----
print("(A) trajectory demo...", flush=True)
t0 = time.time()
N_demo = 16
_, traj = simulate_kN_batch(N_demo, R=1, dt=dt, n_steps=n_steps,
                             seed=2026, store_traj=True)

traj = traj[:, 0, :]
times = np.arange(n_steps) * dt
phi_dev = traj - omega_0 * times[:, None]
phi_avg = phi_dev.mean(axis=1)
print(f" done in {time.time()-t0:.2f}s", flush=True)

# ----- (B)  $\sqrt{N}$  scaling -----
print("(B) sqrt(N) scaling sweep...", flush=True)
N_values = np.array([1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128])
n_realisations = 200
spreads = []

for N in N_values:
    t0 = time.time()
    phi_final = simulate_kN_batch(N, n_realisations, dt, n_steps,
                                   seed=10_000 + N)
    macros = phi_final.mean(axis=1) - omega_0 * T_total
    spreads.append(np.std(macros))
    print(f" N={N:4d} std={spreads[-1]:.4f} ({time.time()-t0:.2f}s)",
          flush=True)

spreads = np.asarray(spreads)
ref = spreads[0] / np.sqrt(N_values)
log_N = np.log(N_values.astype(float))
log_S = np.log(spreads)
slope, intercept = np.polyfit(log_N, log_S, 1)
print(f"\nFitted slope: {slope:+.4f} (theoretical: -0.5)", flush=True)

# ----- Plot -----
plt.rcParams.update({
    "font.family": "serif",

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        "font.size":      11,
        "axes.spines.top": False,
        "axes.spines.right": False,
    })
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(12, 4.6))

ax = axes[0]
for n in range(min(8, N_demo)):
    ax.plot(times, phi_dev[:, n], color="0.55", lw=0.6, alpha=0.7)
ax.plot(times, phi_avg, color="#c0392b", lw=1.8,
        label=r"ensemble mean  $\langle \phi \rangle$  ( $N=N_{\text{demo}}$ )")
ax.plot([], [], color="0.55", lw=0.6,
        label=r"individual layers  $\phi_n$ ")
ax.set_xlabel(r"substrate parameter  $\tau$ ")
ax.set_ylabel(r"phase deviation  $\phi - \omega_0 \tau$ ")
ax.set_title("(a) individual phases vs. macroscopic mean")
ax.legend(loc="upper left", frameon=False, fontsize=10)
ax.grid(alpha=0.25)

ax = axes[1]
ax.loglog(N_values, spreads, "o", color="#1f3b8b", markersize=7,
        label=r"simulation: std of  $\langle \phi \rangle(\tau_f)$ ")
ax.loglog(N_values, ref, "--", color="#c0392b", lw=1.5,
        label=r" $\propto N^{-1/2}$ ")
ax.set_xlabel(r"number of layers  $N$ ")
ax.set_ylabel(r"std. dev. of macroscopic phase at  $\tau_f$ ")
ax.set_title(r"(b)  $\sqrt{N}$  stabilisation of the macroscopic clock")
ax.legend(frameon=False, fontsize=10, loc="upper right")
ax.grid(alpha=0.25, which="both")
ax.text(0.04, 0.06,
        f"fitted slope = {slope:+.3f}\n(theory =  $-0.500$ )",
        transform=ax.transAxes, fontsize=9.5,
        bbox=dict(facecolor="white", edgecolor="0.7",
                boxstyle="round,pad=0.3"))

fig.suptitle(
    r"Emergence of macroscopic time from  $K_N$ -coupled phases",
    fontsize=13, y=1.02
)
fig.tight_layout()

out_dir = Path("/mnt/user-data/outputs")
out_dir.mkdir(parents=True, exist_ok=True)
out_png = out_dir / "fig1_time_emergence.png"
out_pdf = out_dir / "fig1_time_emergence.pdf"
fig.savefig(out_png, dpi=170, bbox_inches="tight")
fig.savefig(out_pdf,
            bbox_inches="tight")

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print(f"Saved: {out_png}")  
print(f"Saved: {out_pdf}")
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