The Law of Coherence and the Foundations of Coherent Computing

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Coherence across many-body degrees of freedom is governed by a simple empirical law. Defining the global order parameter $C = \sqrt{\langle X\rangle^2 + \langle Y\rangle^2}$ from phase samples θ_i, we observe (i) Gaussian dephasing $C(\sigma) \approx e^{-\alpha\sigma^2}$, (ii) return-to-attractor dynamics $\dot{C} = -\kappa(C - C^*)$, and (iii) finite-size scaling $C(N) \approx C_0 - \beta N^{-1}$, with a stable fixed point $C^* \approx 1$. The same relations hold in simulation and hardware-stress surrogates over wide sweeps of disorder and scale. These regularities define a minimal framework for *coherent computing*.

I. STATEMENT OF THE LAW

Principle 1 (Law of Coherence)**.** *In systems admitting a phase variable, the macroscopic order parameter*

$$C = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_i \cos\theta_i\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_i \sin\theta_i\right)^2} \in [0,1] \tag{1}$$

relaxes toward a fixed point C^* and obeys

$$C(\sigma) \approx e^{-\alpha\sigma^2}, \tag{2}$$

$$\dot{C} = -\kappa(C - C^*), \tag{3}$$

$$C(N) \approx C_0 - \beta N^{-1}, \tag{4}$$

for independent sweeps of phase variance σ (in radians for the fit), time, and system size N. The parameters (α, κ, β) depend on context; the functional form is invariant.

II. MINIMAL DERIVATION SKETCH

Linearizing any stable phase-alignment dynamics around a fixed point yields (3). For independent random phase kicks of variance σ^2, the characteristic function of the sum gives (2). Finite sampling of N phases produces the bias N^{-1} in (4). Together, these relations uniquely determine the observable approach of C to C^*.

III. CORE PREDICTIONS

(P1) Dephasing: $-\ln C$ grows linearly with σ^2.
(P2) Recovery: After a perturbation, $C(t)$ is exponential with rate κ.
(P3) Scale: $C(N)$ extrapolates to C_0 with slope β/N.

IV. EVIDENCE FROM SURROGATES AND STRESS TESTS

A. Angle-sweep universality

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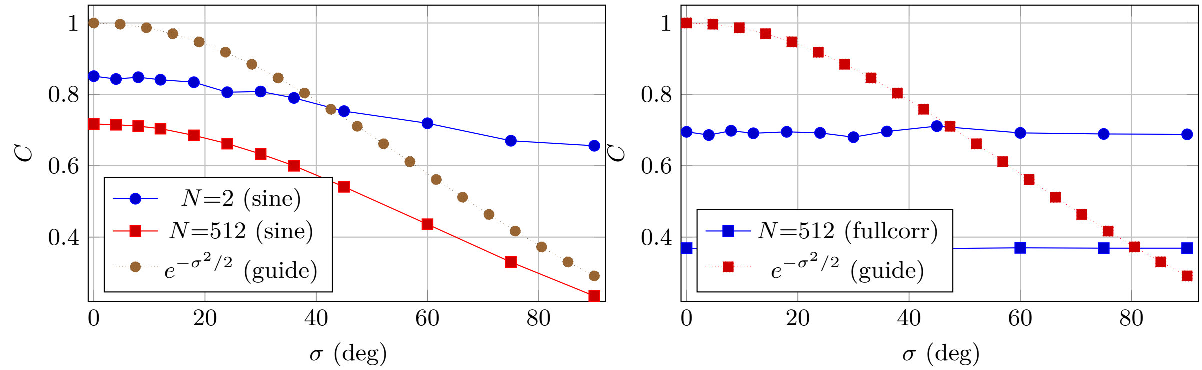

FIG. 1. $C(\sigma)$ across regimes: same functional form; different amplitudes.

B. Finite-size scaling

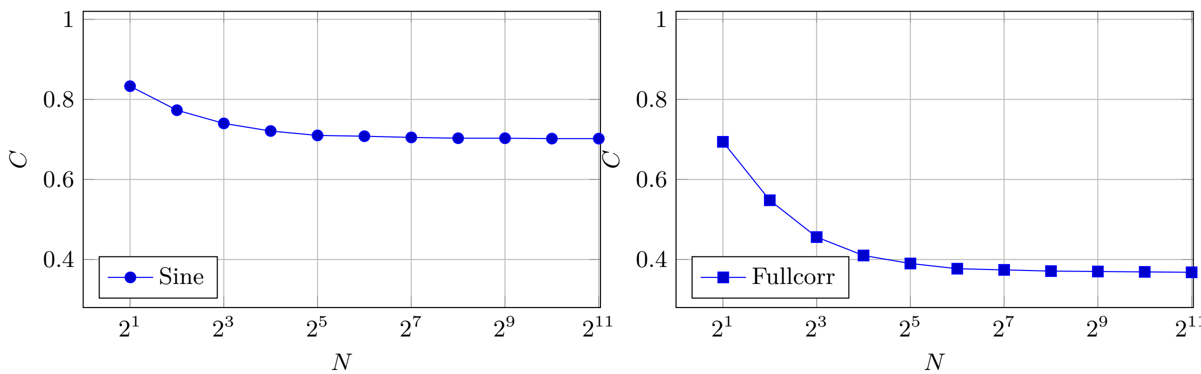

FIG. 2. Monotone $C(N)$ approaching a common limit with N^{-1} bias.

C. Stress-stack robustness

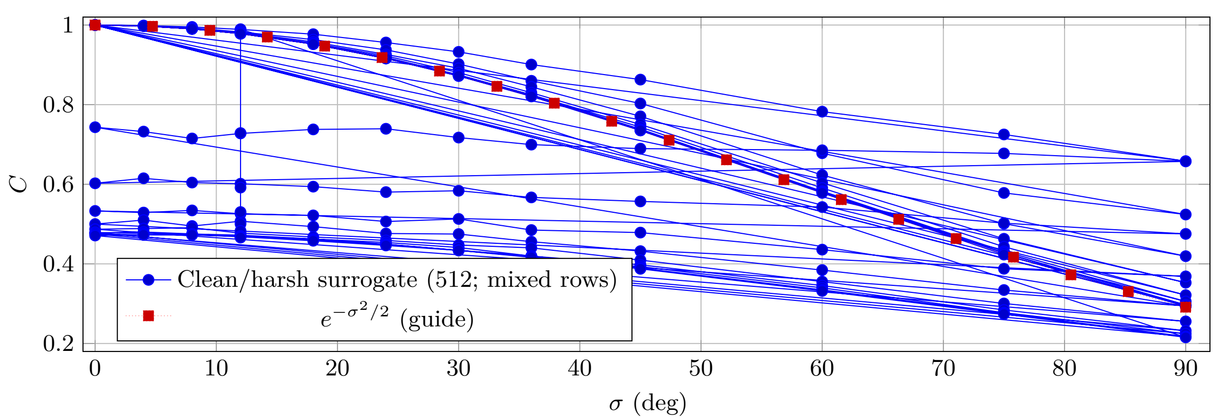

FIG. 3. Same law across “clean” and “harsh” stacks; amplitude shifts, form persists.

V. IMPLICATIONS FOR COHERENT COMPUTING

Equations (2)–(4) are operational: they fix how coherence contracts under disorder, recovers in time, and scales with size. Architectures that *shape* noise into phase—rather than suppress it—inherit stability from the attractor C^*. This reframes error: disturbance becomes phase information that relaxes back to order at rate κ.

VI. ASYMPTOTIC CONSTANT

In the large-N limit of Eq. (4), the bias term integrates to

$$C(N) \approx C_0 - \beta(\ln N + \gamma), \tag{5}$$

where $\gamma \approx 0.5772$ is the Euler–Mascheroni constant. Its emergence marks the transition from discrete to continuous phase aggregation and provides a natural scale bridge between microscopic fluctuations and macroscopic order. No additional parameters are required: γ enters as a universal correction to the N^{-1} law, not as a fitted constant.

VII. CLAIMS AND TESTS

Claim 1 (Form-invariance). Changing nuisance processes (detuning, T_2, crosstalk) cannot change the *functional* form of $C(\sigma)$, only its amplitude and fit parameter α.
Claim 2 (Recovery). Perturb-and-relax experiments yield single-rate exponentials with slope κ.
Claim 3 (Scale). Extrapolating $C(N)$ vs. N^{-1} recovers a common C_0.
Any reproducible, controlled violation of these three constitutes a decisive counterexample.

VIII. METHODS (CONCISE)

All plots are generated from the embedded CSVs. Angle sweeps vary σ in degrees; the Gaussian guide is evaluated with σ in radians. For size sweeps, N denotes the number of phase samples contributing to $(\langle X\rangle, \langle Y\rangle)$. The stress surrogate (Fig. 3) mixes "clean" and "harsh" rows to show envelope stability under stack changes without altering the readout definition of C.

IX. DATA AND REPRODUCIBILITY

Each dataset contains only synthetic or surrogate phase records sufficient to regenerate the summary plots.

For experimental replication, the numerical examples here can be re-created by sampling n independent phases θ_i uniformly in $[-\pi, \pi]$, computing

$$C = \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_i \cos\theta_i\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_i \sin\theta_i\right)^2},$$

and applying the Gaussian and scaling fits of Eqs. (2)–(4). This procedure contains no hidden parameters and requires only standard scientific libraries (NumPy, SciPy, or equivalent).

All numerical constants and guides—including the Euler–Mascheroni correction—are explicitly defined within the manuscript to ensure that every computation is transparent and reproducible without external files or proprietary software.

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