## Self-Organization from the Perspective of a Physicist

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## Rayleigh-Bénard Convection


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(a)

(b)

## Bénard-Marangoni Effect



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## Belousov-Zhabotinsky-Reaktion



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## Belousov-Zhabotinsky-Reaktion



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## CO on Platinum Surfaces


experiment


## simulation

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## Selforganization

- Open system Non-equilibrium
- Non-linearity and/or interacting species with different relaxation time scales
- Fluctuations
- Non-linear sytems offer more than one solution which can be obtained.
- Fluctuations allow the system to switch between the different possible solutions


## Swarming, self-organized?

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- Fish form schools
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## Wildebeests



Plate 3. Wildebeest massing in a grazing front on the Serengeti Plains. March 1973.

## Buffalos



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## Anchovis Trying to Survive



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## Flocks of Birds



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## Swarming of Army Ants



# A swarm of Army ants runs in a circle for five days. 

(T. C. Schneirla, 1948)
A. Aronson, E. Tobach, J. S. Rosenblatt \& D. S. Lehrmann (Eds.): Selected Writings of Theodore C. Schneirla, Freeman \& Co., San Francisco (1972)

## Collective Motion in Bacterial Colonies



FIG. 2. Bright field micrograph of a single rotating droplet with
magnification of $500 \times$ (a) and the corresponding velocity field a magnification of $500 \times$ (a) and the corresponding velocity field obtained by digitizing our video recordings (b).

## Formation of complex bacterial colonies via self-generated vortices



FIG. 9. In the same model as shown in Fig. 8, but for a different value of the parameter $\mu$ (providing stronger velocity-velocity interaction, $\mu=0.3$ ), rotating rings develop in the simulations (a). This phenomenon was also reported in Ref. [19] (b).


FIG. 8. A typical result of the chemoregulated model for vortex formation. The positive feedback of the chemoattractant breaks the originally homogeneous density and aggregates with high density are created. The flow field is represented by arrows of a magnitude proportional with the local velocity. The inset shows the concentration distribution of the chemoattractant $(\mu=0.1, \nu=0.1, F=0.3$, $\left.\kappa=0.1, \chi_{A}=0.2, \eta=0.2, D_{A}=0.1, \lambda_{A}=0.01\right)$.
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## Dictyostelium discoidium Slime Molds



## Daphnia within a Light Shaft



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## Basic Observed Motions

## -Directed motion

## -Rotational motion


-Amoebae like motion

A. Okubo \& S. A. Levin: Diffusion and Ecological Problems, Springer, New York, 2nd edition (2003)

## Question and Answer

## Question

What are the basic features
which have to be put into a model to resemble coherent motion as they can be observed in nature and society

Answer
One needs a model:
-which stationary state is far from equilibrium,
-where interaction of the individuals leads to a specific confinement and
-fluctuating forces

## Vicsek's $X Y$-Model

- N locally aligning particles with noise and constant velocity $v_{0}$

$$
\vartheta_{\mathrm{i}}(t+\Delta t)=\langle\vartheta(i)\rangle_{\mathrm{S}(\mathrm{i})}+\xi
$$

- Periodic boundary conditions
- Parameters: density of particles and amplitude of noise

(a) initial random setting
(b) low density, low noise
(c) high density, high noise
(d) high density, low noise


## Novel Type of Phase Transition



## Modelling of Fishschools



Parrish, Viscido and Grünbaum, Biological Bulletin 202, 296-305 (2002)

## Modelling of Fishschools



$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{i}}(t+1) & =\mathbf{x}_{\mathbf{i}}(t)+\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{i}}(t) \Delta t \\
\mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{i}}(t) & =\left\{v_{\mathbf{i}}(t), \theta_{\mathbf{i}}(t)\right\} \\
\theta_{\mathbf{i}}(t) & =\theta_{\mathbf{i}}(t-1)+\phi_{\mathbf{i}}(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

Similiar to Viscek's model + some rules for the update of the turning angle $\phi_{i}$

## Modelling of Fishschools



Turning Angle Distribution

$$
p\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}\right)=\frac{1}{\boldsymbol{\sigma} \sqrt{2 \pi}} \exp \left(-\frac{\left(\boldsymbol{\phi}_{i}-\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}\right)^{2}}{2 \boldsymbol{\sigma}^{2}}\right)
$$

Reaction field around an individual, consisting of repulsive-orientation, parallel-orientation, and attractive orientation fields whose radii are $R_{r}$, $R_{p}$, and $R_{a}$, respectively. The region beyond the attractive-orientation field is outside the detection region of an individual, and a blind region exists behind an individual because of its body.

Deterministic turning angle $\alpha_{i}$ (to avoid the predator)

$$
\begin{gathered}
\boldsymbol{\alpha}_{i}=\Varangle\left(\mathbf{a}_{i}, \boldsymbol{v}_{i}(t)\right), \\
\mathbf{a}_{i}=c \mathbf{a}_{i, \text { school }}+(1-c) \mathbf{a}_{i, \text { predator }} \quad(0 \leqslant c \leqslant 1)
\end{gathered}
$$

## Modelling of Fishschools

(a)

(b)

(c)


Behavioral rules for interaction with other individuals; (a) approach, (b) parallel-orientation, (c) repulsion. These rules were first proposed by Aoki (1982) and Huth \& Wissel (1992), together with the random direction at which an individual turns to search for other individuals.

## Modelling of Fishschools



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Parrish \& Edelstein-Keshet, Science 284, 99-101 (1999)

## (Second) Newton's Law

Make it as simple as it is!

## $\underset{\text { force }}{F}=\operatorname{mass}_{\text {mass }} \times \quad \underset{\text { accelaration }}{a}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { change of velocity per unit time } \\
& \mathrm{a}=\frac{\phi \mathrm{V}}{\phi \mathrm{t}}=\frac{1}{\phi \mathrm{t}}\left(\mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{t}+\phi \mathrm{t}}-\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{t}}\right) \quad \phi \stackrel{\mathrm{t}!}{=} 0 \frac{\mathrm{dV}}{\mathrm{~d} t}=\dot{\mathrm{V}}
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\mathrm{V}=\frac{\phi \mathrm{S}}{\phi \mathrm{t}}=\frac{1}{\phi \mathrm{t}}\left(\mathrm{~S}_{\mathrm{t}}+\phi \mathrm{t}-\mathrm{S}_{\mathrm{t}}\right) \quad \stackrel{\phi \mathrm{t}!}{=} 0 \frac{\mathrm{ds}}{\mathrm{~d} t}=\dot{\mathrm{s}}
$$

From now on the distance $\boldsymbol{s}$ is denoted by the change of the space coordinates $\boldsymbol{x}$ (1D) or $\boldsymbol{r}$ (3D)

## Active Brownian Particles

$$
\begin{aligned}
m \mathbf{a} & =\mathrm{F}=\mathbf{F}_{\text {dep ot }}+\mathbf{F}_{\text {interaction }}+\mathbf{F}_{\circ} \text { uctuation } \\
\dot{\boldsymbol{r}} & =\boldsymbol{v}, \quad m \dot{\boldsymbol{v}}=-\gamma(v) v+\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{r})+\sqrt{2 D} \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Friction term (nonlinear dependance on $v$ )
- Confinement (external boundary conditions or interaction with other particles)
- Random forces (Gaussian white noise)


## Numerical Implementation

$$
\begin{aligned}
\dot{x}= & \frac{\mathrm{d} x}{\mathrm{~d} t} \rightarrow \frac{\Delta x}{\Delta t} \\
\dot{v}= & \frac{\mathrm{d} v}{\mathrm{~d} t} \rightarrow \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t} \\
x(t+\Delta t)= & x(t)+v(t) \Delta t \\
v(t+\Delta t)= & v(t)+{ }_{\mathrm{p}}[\gamma(v(t)) v(t)+F(x(t))] \Delta t \\
& +\xi(t) \frac{\Delta t)}{\Delta t)}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Depot Model

Particle with mass $m$, position $\boldsymbol{r}$, velocity $\boldsymbol{v}$, self-propelling force connected to energy storage depot $e(t)$; velocity dependent friction $\gamma(v)$

External parabolic potential $U(\boldsymbol{r})$ and noise $\xi(t)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
\dot{\mathbf{r}} & =\mathbf{v} \\
m \dot{\mathrm{v}} & =d_{2} e(t) \mathbf{v}-\gamma_{0} \mathbf{v}-\nabla U+»(t)
\end{aligned}
$$

Energy depot: space-dependent take-up $q(r)$, internal dissipation $c e(t)$, conversion of internal energy into kinetic energy $d_{2} e(t) v^{2}$

$$
\dot{e}(t)=q(\mathbf{r})-c e(t)-d_{2} e(t) \mathbf{v}^{2}
$$

Energy depot analysis (for $q(r)=q_{0}$ ):

$$
\gamma(\mathrm{v})=\gamma_{0}-\frac{d_{2} q_{0}}{c_{0}+d_{2} \mathrm{v}^{2}}
$$

## Negative Friction

$$
\gamma(\boldsymbol{v})=\gamma_{0}-\frac{q_{0} d_{2}}{c+d_{2} \boldsymbol{v}^{2}}
$$



Ebeling et. al, Biosystems 49, 17-29 (1999)
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## Depot model: $\gamma(\boldsymbol{v})=\gamma_{0}-\frac{q_{0} d_{2}}{c+d_{2} \boldsymbol{v}^{2}}$

Stationary probabilty for the velocitiy of a particle

$$
P_{0}(\boldsymbol{v})=C\left(1+\frac{d_{2}}{c} \boldsymbol{v}^{2}\right)^{\frac{q_{0}}{2 D}} \exp \left[-\frac{\gamma_{0}}{2 D} \boldsymbol{v}^{2}\right]
$$



## Active Particles in an External Potential


weak noise
strong noise

## Directly Interacting Particles



Herbert Levine, UCSD


Erdmann et al., Physical Review E 65, 061106 (2002)
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Ebeling and Erdmann, Complexity 8(4), 23-30 (2003)

## Harmonic Interaction

$$
m \ddot{\boldsymbol{r}}_{i}=\left(\gamma_{1}-\gamma_{2} \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}_{i}^{2}\right) \dot{\boldsymbol{r}}-\frac{a}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N}\left(r_{i}-r_{j}\right)+\sqrt{2 D} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{i}(t)
$$

## Translational mode



| 0 |
| :--- |
| 0 |
| - |
| 0 |
| 0 |
| 0 |
| 0 |
| 0 |



Center of Mass




Erdmann et al., Physical Review E 71, 051904 (2005)

## Stability of the Translational Mode




## Active Brownian Particles with Chemical Interaction

$$
A \xrightarrow{\mathrm{q}} A+B
$$

## Cluster formation


$D_{\mathrm{c}}=0.001$

$D_{\mathrm{c}}=0.1$

## Trajectories of the Particles in a Cluster



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## APB with fluid like interaction

$\dot{\mathrm{v}}_{\mathrm{i}}=\left(\gamma_{1}-\gamma_{2} \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}^{2}\right) \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{i}}+\beta(c) \nabla c$

$$
+\chi \mathbf{v}_{\mathbf{F}}+(2 D)^{\frac{1}{2}}>_{\mathbf{i}}(t)
$$

$\chi$ velocity-velocity interaction strength
v_F local velocity field


$$
\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{F}}=\langle v\rangle_{2}={\frac{1}{N_{2}}}^{\mathrm{X}} \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{j} \in \mathrm{i}} \delta_{\mathrm{r}_{\mathrm{j}} 2^{2}}
$$

## Chemical Interaction + Velocity Coupling



$$
\chi=1
$$

## Chemical Interaction + Velocity Coupling



$$
\chi=3
$$



## Chemical Interaction + Velocity Coupling

timestep $=1$

timestep $=1$


$$
\chi=5
$$

## Complex $\chi$-dependent Dynamics


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## Chemical Interaction + Velocity Coupling



## Take-home Message

- Living far from equlibrium and
- interacting and/or
- behave non-linear
lets us live self-organized more than emergent, though we have emerged already on this planet ;-)


## Principle of Adiabatic Elimination

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \dot{q}_{1}=-\zeta_{1} q_{1}-a q_{1} q_{2} \\
& \dot{q}_{2}=-\zeta_{2} q_{2}+b q_{1}^{2}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\zeta_{2} \gg \zeta_{1}$
time scale separation


## Active Brownian Particles in a Liquid



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## Hydrodynamical Interaction

local velocity induced by the

$$
\begin{equation*}
\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathrm{F}}\left(\boldsymbol{r}_{i}\right)=\sum_{j} \frac{R}{r_{i j}}\left[\delta+\frac{\boldsymbol{r}_{i j} \otimes \boldsymbol{r}_{i j}}{r_{i j}^{2}}\right] \tag{0}
\end{equation*}
$$

surrounding particles in a laminar regime

$$
\boldsymbol{v}_{\mathrm{F}}\left(\boldsymbol{r}_{i}\right)=\sum_{j} \frac{R}{r_{i j}} \boldsymbol{v}_{j}+\sum_{j} \frac{R\left(\boldsymbol{r}_{i j} \cdot \boldsymbol{v}_{j}\right)}{r_{i j}^{3}} \boldsymbol{r}_{i j} ; \quad r_{i j}>R
$$

The Langevin equation for a single particle becomes:

$$
\dot{\boldsymbol{v}}_{i}=-\gamma\left(\boldsymbol{v}_{i}\right) \boldsymbol{v}_{i}+\kappa_{\mathrm{F}} \boldsymbol{v}_{\mathrm{F}}\left(\boldsymbol{r}_{i}\right)+\boldsymbol{F}\left(\boldsymbol{r}_{i}\right)+\sqrt{2 D} \boldsymbol{\xi}_{i}(t) .
$$

## Fokker-Planck Equation

If the dynamics of a single particle is:

$$
\dot{\boldsymbol{r}}=\boldsymbol{v}, \quad \dot{\boldsymbol{v}}=-\gamma(v) v+\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{r})+\sqrt{2 D} \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)
$$

The corresponding Fokker-Planck equation is for the PDF becomes:

$$
\frac{\partial P}{\partial t}=-\boldsymbol{v} \frac{\partial P}{\partial \boldsymbol{r}}-\boldsymbol{F}(\boldsymbol{r}) \frac{\partial P}{\partial \boldsymbol{v}}+\frac{\partial}{\partial \boldsymbol{v}}\left\{\gamma(v) v P+D \frac{\partial P}{\partial \boldsymbol{v}}\right\}
$$

