

# Swarms of Interacting Agents in Random Environments

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## Basic dynamics - stochastic interacting agents, (self-propagating particles)

Basic dynamics stylized by sets of coupled stochastic differential equations:

$$\dot{X}_k(t) = \underbrace{f_k [X_k(t)]}_{\text{self-propagation}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{J}_k [X_k(t), \vec{X}(t)]}_{\text{mutual interactions kernels}} + \underbrace{\xi_k(t)}_{\text{noise}}, \quad X_k(t) \in \Omega,$$

$$\vec{X}(t) = (X_1(t), X_2(t), \dots, X_N(t)) \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N.$$

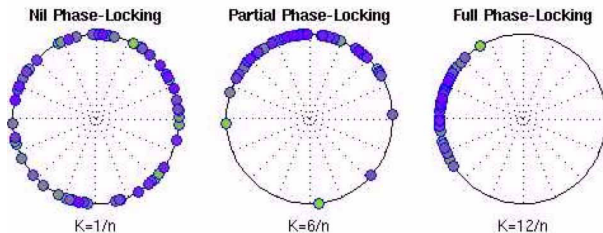
Mutual interactions kernels, (for example = "imitation" of neighbours behaviours).

*How from mutual interactions emerges a global dynamical order ?*

*Exhibit some explicitly tractable models of such collective evolutions*

Pioneering model ( $\sim 1975$ )  
Kuramoto's phase oscillators

## Phase-Coupled Oscillators



Nil, partial and full phase-locking behavior in a network of phase-coupled oscillators with all-to-all connectivity. The natural frequencies of the oscillators are normally distributed  $SD=\pm 0.5\text{Hz}$ . The phase-locking behaviour is dictated by the strength of the global coupling constant  $K$ .

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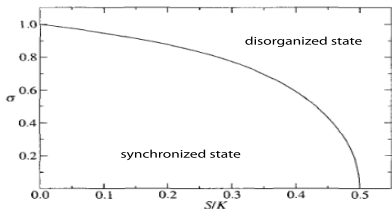
### Agents with scalar dynamics on the circle §

## Kuramoto-Sakaguchi's (K-S) coupled phase oscillators - (1975)

$$d\theta_m(t) = \omega_m dt + \underbrace{\frac{K}{N} \left[ \sum_{j \neq m} \sin [\theta_j(t) - \theta_m(t)] \right] dt}_{\text{vanishes when } \theta_j \equiv \theta_m, \forall j \Rightarrow \text{synchronizing effect}} + \underbrace{\sqrt{S} dW_{m,t}}_{\text{indep. WGN}} \quad \begin{cases} \theta_m \in \Omega := [0, 2\pi[, \\ m = 1, 2, \dots, N. \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma(t) e^{i\Phi(t)} := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^N e^{i\theta_m(t)}, \quad \sigma(t) := \text{order parameter} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{full synchronization,} \\ 0, & \text{pure randomness.} \end{cases}$$

$\overbrace{\omega_m \equiv \omega}^{\text{homog.}}$  and  $N \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow$  mean-field, Fokker-Planck Eq.  $\Rightarrow$  phase transition diagram



Synchronization arises for  $K \geq K_c = 2S$

Long-range interactions  $\Rightarrow$  phase transitions exists for 1D.

## Sketch of the K-S' s derivation

- Order parameter  $\sigma(t)$ :  $\sigma(t)e^{i\Phi(t)} := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^N e^{i\theta_m(t)}$

$\Downarrow$

$$d\theta_m(t) = K\sigma(t) [\sin(\Phi(t) - \theta_m(t))] + \sqrt{S}dW_{m,t}$$

- Fokker-Planck:  $\partial_t [n(\theta, t)] = -K\sigma\partial_\theta [\sin(\Phi - \theta)n(\theta, t)] + S\partial_{\theta\theta}^2 [n(\theta, t)]$
- stationary measure:  $n_s(\theta) = \frac{1}{2\pi \mathcal{I}_0\left[\frac{K\sigma}{S}\right]} e^{\left[\frac{K\sigma}{S}\right] \cos(\Phi - \theta)}$ , ( $\mathcal{I}_0(\cdot)$  Bessel funct.)
- contin. limit - mean-field:  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^N e^{i\theta_m(t)} \cong \int_0^{2\pi} n(\theta, t)e^{i\theta} d\theta$ , (for  $N \rightarrow \infty$ )
- self-consistency  $\Rightarrow \sigma e^{i\Phi} = \int_0^{2\pi} n_s(\theta)e^{i\theta} d\theta \Rightarrow \sigma = \frac{\mathcal{I}_0^1\left[\frac{K\sigma}{S}\right]}{\mathcal{I}_0\left[\frac{K\sigma}{S}\right]} \Rightarrow K_c = 2S$
- solving for  $\sigma$  enables to draw the K-S phase diagram.

## Von Mises angle statistics

Observe the specific expression for the stationary probability measure  $n_s(\theta)$  !

$$n_s(\theta) \equiv \text{VM}_{\kappa}(\theta) := \frac{1}{2\pi \mathcal{I}_0[\kappa]} e^{\{\kappa \cos(\theta)\}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} + \frac{1}{\pi} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mathcal{I}_m(\kappa)}{\mathcal{I}_0(\kappa)} \cos(m\theta), \quad \kappa \in \mathbb{R}^+,$$

density known as the Von Mises angle statistics

Proposition, (K. V. Mardia (1972), G. Watson (1983)).

The probability density  $\text{VM}_{\kappa}(\theta)$  describes the exit-law outside the unit (Euclidean) circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  of a complex Brownian Motion with constant drift  $(Z_t + t\vec{u}, t \in \mathbb{R}^+)$  starting at 0 and  $\kappa$  is the Euclidean norm of the constant drift vector  $\vec{u}$ .

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"generalize K-S dynamics by introducing a curvature on the probability state space"



"introduce multiplicative noise sources into the dynamics"

## Multiplicative noise K-S dynamics:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d\theta_m(t) = \frac{K}{N} \left\{ \sum_{j \neq m} \sin[\theta_j - \theta_m] \right\} dt + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq m} \left\{ \sqrt{1 + C \cos(\theta_j - \theta_m)} \right\} \sqrt{S} dW_{m,t}, \\ C \in [0, 1] \quad \text{and} \quad K > 0, \quad (\text{two control parameters}), \end{array} \right.$$

$$\partial_t [n(\theta, t)] = -K\sigma \partial_\theta [\sin(\Phi - \theta) n(\theta, t)] + S \partial_{\theta\theta}^2 [(1 + \sigma C \cos(\Phi - \theta)) n(\theta, t)]$$

### stationary measure

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} n_s(\theta) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1} [1 + \tanh(\eta) \cos(\Phi - \theta)]^{-\alpha}, \\ \mathcal{Z}^{-1} = 2\pi \left\{ P_{-\alpha}^{(0)} [\cosh(\eta)] \right\} \cosh(\eta)^\alpha, \quad (P_{-\alpha}^{(0)}(x) \text{ Legendre funct}), \\ \alpha = 1 - \frac{K}{SC}, \quad \text{and} \quad \eta = \sigma C. \end{array} \right.$$

self-consistency Eq.  $\Rightarrow$

$$\sigma = \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \frac{P_{-\alpha}^{(1)}[\cosh(\eta)]}{P_{-\alpha}^{(0)}[\cosh(\eta)]} \Rightarrow K_c = S(2 + C)$$

## Exit law of hyperbolic Brownian motion from hyperbolic disk

Proposition, (J.-Cl. Gruet, (2000), see also M. C. Jones & A. Pewsey, (2005)).

Let  $T_\eta$  be the first hitting time of the hyperbolic disk  $\mathcal{D}$  of radius  $\eta$  centred at 0. The exit probability distribution of  $\mathcal{D}$  under the law of the  $\alpha$ -drifted hyperbolic Brownian motion starting at 0 is given by the two generalized two parameters hyperbolic von Mises law:

$$HVM(\theta) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1} [1 + \tanh(\eta) \cos(\theta)]^{-\alpha} \quad (\theta \in [-\pi, +\pi] \quad \eta \in \mathbb{R}^+, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}).$$

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## Kuramoto's dynamics with multiplicative noise

Proposition, (R. Filliger, Ph. Blanchard and MOH (2010)).

Two parameters generalized Kuramoto-Sakagushi phase oscillators model:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d\theta_m(t) = \frac{K}{N} \left\{ \sum_{j \neq m} \sin[\theta_j - \theta_m] \right\} dt + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq m} \left\{ \sqrt{1 + C \cos(\theta_j - \theta_m)} \right\} \sqrt{S} dW_{m,t}, \\ C \in [0, 1] \quad \text{and} \quad K > 0, \quad (\text{two control parameters}) \end{array} \right.$$

admits the associated angle probability measure in the mean-field limit is given by law  $HVM(\theta)$ .  
The onset of synchronisation is given by  $K_c = S(2 + C)$ .



## Inhomogeneous K-S dynamics, (i.e. $\omega_k \neq \omega_j$ )

Individual  $\omega$ 's are randomly drawn from a prob. density:  $\omega \sim g(\omega)d\omega$ .

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*"Unwrap" the circular probability space  $\mathbb{S}$*



Agents with scalar dynamics on  $\mathbb{R}$



Homogenous - (Part I)



Heterogeneous - (Part II)

# Part I

## Homogeneous swarms on $\mathbb{R}$

Homogeneity: *agents are indistinguishable*

Exogenous mutual interaction rule: *"Avoid being the laggard"*

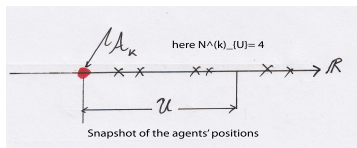
External environment: *White Gaussian Noise (WGN)*

## Imitation dynamics for an homogenous population

$$\begin{cases} \dot{X}_k(t) = \underbrace{f[X_k(t)]}_{\text{individual dynamics}} + \underbrace{\mathcal{J}[X_k(t); \vec{X}(t)]}_{\text{interaction kernel}} + \underbrace{\sigma dW_k(t)}_{\text{WGN}}, \\ X_k(t=0) = x_{k,0}, \quad X_k(t) \in \mathbb{R}, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N \end{cases}$$

- **Observation capability:**  $\mathcal{A}_k$  observes  $\#$  of leaders within a range  $U$ .
- **Avoid being the laggard:**

$$\mathcal{J}[X_k(t), \vec{X}(t)] = \begin{cases} \gamma \frac{N_{\{U\}}^{(k)}}{N}, & \text{with } N_{\{U\}}^{(k)} := \# \text{ of } \mathcal{A}_{(j \neq k)} \in U \text{ ahead of } \mathcal{A}_k, \\ 0, & \text{if } N_{\{U\}}^{(k)} = 0. \end{cases}$$



## Nonlinear Fokker-Planck equation.

Consider large swarms, ( $N \rightarrow \infty$ )



"Hydrodynamic picture": density of agents  $\rho(x, t) \in [0, 1]$   $\Rightarrow$  Mean-field dynamics  
 $\rho(x, t) :=$  density of agents at position  $x$  at time  $t$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} N_{\{U\}}^{(k)}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq k} \mathbb{I}_{(0 \leq X_j(t) - X_k(t) \leq U)} \\ \mathbb{I}_{(0 \leq X_j(t) - X_k(t) \leq U)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X_j(t) > X_k(t), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (X_j(t) \text{ is a } X_k(t) \text{ leader),} \end{array} \right.$$

Meanfield description  $\Rightarrow N_{\{U\}}(x, t) := \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_j \mathbb{I}_{(0 \leq X_j(t) - x \leq U)} \simeq \int_x^{x+U} \rho(y, t) dy$

Nonlinear and nonlocal Fokker-Planck equation for the density  $\rho(x, t)$

$$\partial_t \rho(x, t) = -\partial_x \left\{ \left[ f(x, t) + \int_x^{x+U} \rho(y, t) dy \right] \rho(x, t) \right\} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_{xx} \{ \rho(x, t) \}$$

Simple case:  $f(x, t) = C$  and very short range interactions

Infinitesimal imitation range  $U \ll 1$ ,  $\rightarrow$  Taylor exp. 1<sup>st</sup> order in  $U$ :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_t [\rho(x, t)] = \underbrace{-\partial_x \{ [C + \gamma U \rho(x, t)] \rho(x, t) \}}_{\text{interaction} \Rightarrow \text{nonlinear contribution}} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_{xx}^2 \rho(x, t), \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \rho(x, t) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

Burgers' nonlinear field equation



Hopf-Cole logarithmic transform

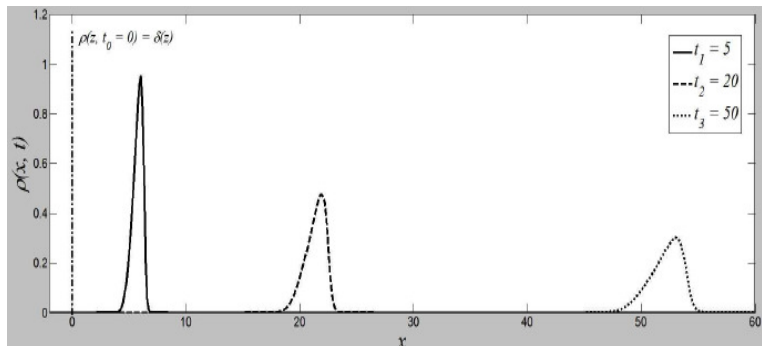


Heat equation



$\rho(x, t)$  is fully explicit for arbitrary times and initial conditions

## Exact transient behavior for short range imitation



transient solution of the Burgers' equation - evanescent traveling wave

Asymptotically with time agents are fully dispersed



short range interaction  $\Rightarrow$  swarm cohesion is not sustained



## Cooperative behavior generated by long range interactions

Infinite imitation range - ( $U = \infty$ )

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \partial_{xt} [G(x, t)] = \underbrace{-\partial_x \{ [C + \gamma G(x, t)] \partial_x G(x, t) \}}_{\text{interaction nonlinear contribution}} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_{xxx}^2 G(x, t), \\ G(x, t) = \int_x^\infty \rho(\zeta, t) d\zeta, \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} G(x, t) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} G(x, t) = 0. \end{array} \right.$$

again Burgers' nonlinear dynamics but with new boundary conditions



Explicit stationary behavior

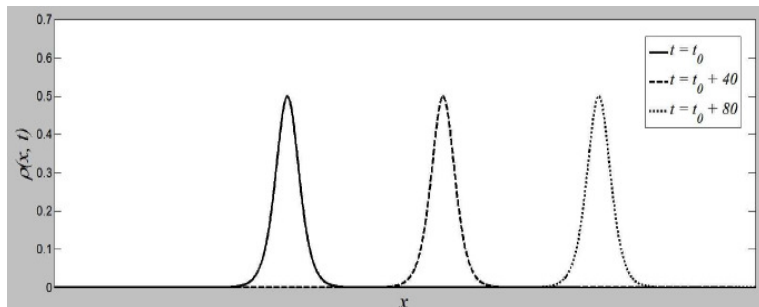


$$\rho(x, t) = \frac{\Gamma}{\sigma^2 \cosh^2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \Gamma(x - \Gamma t) \right]}$$

$$\Gamma = \Gamma(C, \gamma).$$

soliton like propagation

## Exact stationary behavior for infinite range imitation)



transient solution of the Burgers' equation - soliton like traveling wave

Asymptotically a coherent and stable spatio-temporal pattern emerges

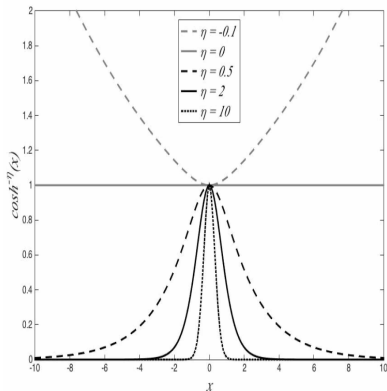


infinite range interaction  $\Rightarrow$  swarm cohesion is sustained

## Barycentric modulated interactions

$$\partial_t [\rho(x, t)] = -\partial_x \left\{ \left[ c + \int_x^\infty \overbrace{g(|\zeta - \langle X(t) \rangle|)}^{\text{barycentric interaction}} \rho(\zeta, t) d\zeta \right] \rho(x, t) \right\} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_{xx}^2 \rho(x, t)$$

$$\langle X(t) \rangle := \int_{\mathbb{R}} x \rho(x, t) dx.$$



Assume:  $g(x) = [\cosh(x)]^{-\eta}$ .

$\eta > 0 \Rightarrow$  "conformism", (i.e. barycentre weight more),

$\eta < 0 \Rightarrow$  "non-conformism", (i.e. outliers weight more),

Exact (normalizable) stationary measure exists only for  $\eta \in [-\infty, 2[$

$$\begin{cases} \rho(x) = \mathcal{Z}^{-1} \cosh(x - Vt)^{\eta-2}, \\ V = C + (2 - \eta) \frac{\sigma^2}{2}, \end{cases} \quad (\eta \in [-\infty, 2[).$$

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Flocking bifurcation :  $\begin{cases} \eta \in [-\infty, 2], & \text{soliton like imitation wave.} \\ \eta \in [2, \infty], & \text{dispersive imitation wave.} \end{cases}$

## Snapshots of the shapes of the traveling soliton

Cooperative soliton like regime for  $\eta \in [-2, \infty]$

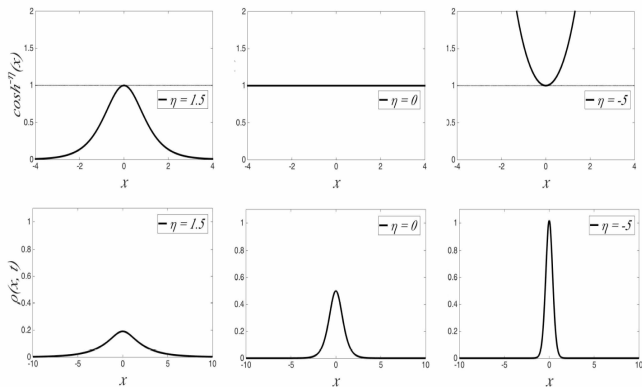
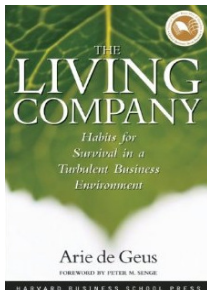


Figure 3: Barycentric modulation functions  $\cosh^{-\eta}(x)$ , for different values of  $\eta$ , and corresponding collective productivity long-wave  $\rho(x, t)$ .

Ethology: territorial/non-territorial birds - *"titmice innovate but robins do not ?"*

## Titmice (non-territorial) versus robins (territorial birds)



Basic goal: Goal here: obtain the previous soliton behavior via a MFG dynamics.

$$\text{MFG} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
 dX_m(t) = a(X_m(t), t)dt + \sigma dW_{m,t}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, N, \\
 J(a(\cdot), X_m(t)) = \mathbb{E} \left\{ \underbrace{\int_0^T \left[ \overbrace{c(a(X_m(s), s))}^{\text{driving cost}} + \overbrace{V(\rho(\cdot, s); X_m(s))}^{\text{interaction cost}} \right] ds}_{\mathcal{L}[a(s), X_m(s), \rho(\cdot, s)]} + \overbrace{C_T[X_m(T)]}^{\text{final cost}} \right\}, \\
 \rho(x, t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \delta(x - X_j(t)), \quad (\text{empirical distribution}).
 \end{array} \right.$$

**Value function :** 
$$u(X(t), t) := \min_{a(\cdot)} \int_t^T \mathcal{L} [a(s), X_m(s), \rho(\cdot, s)] ds + C_T(X_T)$$

Special choice of  $\mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} [a(X_m(t), t) - b]^2 + [\rho(x, t)]^p$

dynamic progr.  $\Downarrow$  HBJ Eq.

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t u(x, t) + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_{xx} (u(x, t)) - \frac{1}{2} |\nabla u(x, t)|^2 = - [\rho(x, t)]^p & \text{(HBJ)} \\ \partial_t \rho(x, t) = -\partial_x \{ \partial_x u(x, t) \rho(x, t) \} + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \partial_{xx} (\rho(x, t)) & \text{(FP)} \end{cases}$$



$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Phi(x, t) := e^{-\frac{u(x, t)}{\sigma^2}} \quad \Psi(x, t) := \rho(x, t) e^{+\frac{u(x, t)}{\sigma^2}}, \\ -\sigma^2 \partial_t \Phi(x, t) = \frac{\sigma^4}{2} \partial_{xx} \Phi(x, t) + \rho(x, t)^p, \\ +\sigma^2 \partial_t \Psi(x, t) = \frac{\sigma^4}{2} \partial_{xx} \Psi(x, t) + \rho(x, t)^p. \end{array} \right.$$

Stationary solution

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$$\Psi(x) \Phi(x) = \rho(x) \propto \cosh^{-\frac{2}{p}}.$$

exponent identification

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$$\frac{2}{p} = 2 - \eta.$$

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## Part I - (continued)

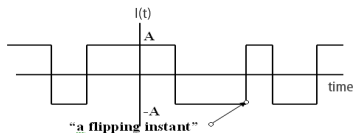
### Homogeneous swarms on $\mathbb{R}$

Dynamics driven by **non-Gaussian noise sources**

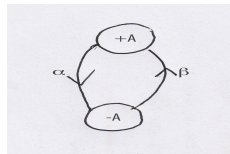
## Piecewise deterministic (i.e. random telegraph) and discontinuous noise sources

$$\dot{X}_k(t) = f(X_k(t)) + \begin{cases} \mathcal{I}_k \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right] & \text{RT noise,} \\ q_k \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right] & \text{Shot noise.} \end{cases}$$

- **Random telegraphic (RT) noise** - (i.e two states Markov chain in continuous time)



Random telegraphic noise



- **Shot noise** - (i.e Compound Poisson jump process)



## Swarms driven by piecewise deterministic stochastic processes

$$\dot{X}_k(t) = \underbrace{C}_{\text{const. drift}} dt + \mathcal{I} \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right], \quad \text{switching rate depends on local agents' density}$$

$$\mathcal{I}(t) \in \{-A, +A\} \quad \text{switching rates} \quad \begin{cases} \alpha \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right], \\ \beta \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right]. \end{cases}$$

$(X(t), \mathcal{I}(t))$  Markov process, ( $X(t)$  alone is not Markov !)

$$\text{transition probability densities} \quad \begin{cases} P(x, +A, t \mid i.c.) := P_+, \\ P(x, -A, t \mid i.c.) := P_-. \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Fokker - Planck Eq.} \quad \begin{cases} \partial_t P_+ - \partial_x [(C - A)P_+] = -\alpha(x, t)P_+ + \beta(x, t)P_+, \\ \partial_t P_- - \partial_x [(C + A)P_-] = +\alpha(x, t)P_+ - \beta(x, t)P_+. \end{cases}$$

Large swarms  $\rightarrow$  mean-field approach

follow the leaders rule  $\Rightarrow$  
$$\begin{cases} \alpha \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right] \longrightarrow \alpha(x, t) := \alpha - \int_x^U P_-(y, t) dy, \\ \beta \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right] \longrightarrow \beta(x, t) := \beta + \int_x^U P_+(y, t) dy. \end{cases}$$

- "myopic" (i.e short range) interactions,  $U \ll 1$ .

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t P^+(x, t) - (C - A) \partial_x P^+(x, t) = -P_+ P_- - \alpha P^+(x, t) + \beta P^-(x, t), \\ \partial_t P^-(x, t) - (C + A) \partial_x P^-(x, t) = +P_+ P_- + \alpha P^-(x, t) - \beta P^+(x, t). \end{cases}$$

Exactly solvable discrete velocity Boltzmann Eq. (T. W. Ruijgrok T.T. Wu (1981))

Generalized Hopf-Cole transformation  $\Rightarrow$  can be linearized in the Telegrapher's Eq.

- Long range interactions,  $U \rightarrow \infty$ .

Define  $F_{\pm}(x, t) := \int_x^{\infty} P_{\pm}(y, t) dy$ .

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t F^+(x, t) - (C - A) \partial_x F^+(x, t) = -U F_+ F_- - \alpha F^+(x, t) + \beta F^-(x, t), \\ \partial_t F^-(x, t) - (C + A) \partial_x F^-(x, t) = +U F_+ F_- + \alpha F^+(x, t) - \beta F^-(x, t). \end{cases}$$

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## White Gaussian noise versus Telegraphic noise - "in a nutshell view"

White Gaussian noise  $\leftrightarrow$  Telegraphic noise



Burgers Eq.  $\leftrightarrow$  discrete Boltzmann eq.



Hopf-Cole logarithmic transformation



Heat eq. -  $\partial_t P = D \partial_{xx} P$   $\leftrightarrow$  Telegraphers eq.  $\partial_{tt} P + \nu \partial_t P = D \partial_{xx} P$



linearization  $\rightarrow$  explicit analytic approach

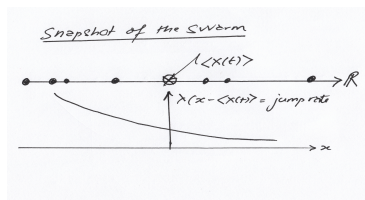


Bifurcation from non-cooperative to cooperative evolution

## Swarms driven by compound Poisson (directly inspired from: M. Balazs, M. Racz and B. Toth, (2014)).

Coupled SDE's driven by jump processes  $X_k(t) \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $k = 1, 2, \dots, N$ .

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \dot{X}_k(t) = f[X_k(t)] + q_k \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right] \quad \text{Compound Poisson process,} \\ \lambda \mapsto \lambda \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right] : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \quad \text{Poissonian jump rate,} \\ \varphi(x) : \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \quad \text{jumps size distribution, (here purely positive jumps).} \end{array} \right.$$



Interaction rule  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Avoid being the laggard} \Rightarrow \lambda \left[ \left( X_k(t); \vec{X}(t) \right), t \right] = \lambda [X_k(t) - \mathbb{E}\{X_t\}] > 0, \\ \mathbb{E}\{X(t)\} := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N X_j(t) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda [X_k(t) - \mathbb{E}\{X_t\}] : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \text{ monot. decreas.} \end{array} \right.$



## Master Equation - General formalism for compound Poisson processes

- Markovian dynamics
- large swarms' populations  $\Rightarrow$  Mean-field approach
- Fokker-Planck  $\Rightarrow$  Master equation

$$\partial_t P(x, t|x_0, 0) = \partial_x [f(x)P(x, t|x_0, 0)] - \lambda(x, t)P(x, t|x_0, 0) + \int_{-\infty}^x \varphi(x-z)\lambda(z, t)P(z, t|x_0, 0)dz$$

$P(x, t|x_0, 0)$  transition pdf of the **jump Markov process**  $X(t)$

Solve the master equation for  $P(x, t|x_0, 0) \Rightarrow$  characterizes the swarm propagation

Focus on the jumps class:

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{\gamma^m x^{m-1} e^{-\gamma x}}{\Gamma(m)} \chi_{x \geq 0}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots \quad (\text{Erlang law})$$

## Erlang jumps' distribution $\Rightarrow$ high-order differential Master Equation

**Proposition** (R. Filliger and MOH - 2016). *For jumps drawn from an  $m^{\text{th}}$ -order Erlang law:*

$$\varphi(x) = \frac{\gamma^m x^{m-1} e^{-\gamma x}}{\Gamma(m)} \chi_{x \geq 0}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots,$$

the associated transition probability density  $P_m(x, t \mid x_0, 0) := P_m$  solves the high order pde:

$$[\partial_x + \gamma]^m (\partial_t P_m - \partial_x [f \cdot P_m]) = [\gamma^m - [\partial_x + \gamma]^m] (\lambda(x, t) \cdot P_m)$$

## Cooperative propagation of the swarm

Assume **existence of a stationary co-operative behavior**:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_{s,m}(x - C_m t) := P_{s,m}(\xi), \quad \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} P_{s,m}(\xi) d\xi = 1, \\ \lambda [X_k(t) - \mathbb{E}\{X_t\}] = \lambda(x - C_m t) = \lambda(\xi) \\ \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \xi P_m(\xi) d\xi = 0, \end{array} \right. \quad \text{soliton like propagation with constant velocity } C_m.$$

- $m = 1 \Rightarrow P_1(\xi) = \mathcal{N} e^{-\gamma\xi + \int^\xi \frac{\lambda(z) dz}{C_1}}$ .
- $m = 2 \Rightarrow$

$$P_2(\xi) = \exp \left\{ -\gamma\xi + \int^\xi \frac{\lambda(z)}{2C_2} dz \right\} \Psi(\xi)$$

$$\partial_{\xi\xi} \Psi(\xi) + \underbrace{\left[ -\frac{\partial_\xi \lambda(\xi)}{2C_2} - \frac{\lambda^2(\xi)}{4C_2^2} - \frac{\gamma\lambda(\xi)}{C_2} \right]}_{:=W(\xi)} \Psi(\xi) = 0.$$

$:=W(\xi)$  Schrodinger's quantum mechanical potential

M. Balazs, M. Racz and B. Toth. "Modeling flocks and prices: jumping particles with an attractive interaction". Ann. Inst. Poincaré, (2014).

Explicitly soluble illustration - *some "baroque" analysis implies:*

$$\bullet m = 1 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_{s,1}(\xi) = \mathcal{N}_1(\beta, \gamma, C_1) e^{-\gamma\xi - \frac{1}{\beta C_1} e^{-\beta\xi}}, \quad (\text{Gumbel probab. law.}) \\ \text{Swarm velocity : } C_1 = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-\psi(\gamma/\beta)}. \end{array} \right.$$

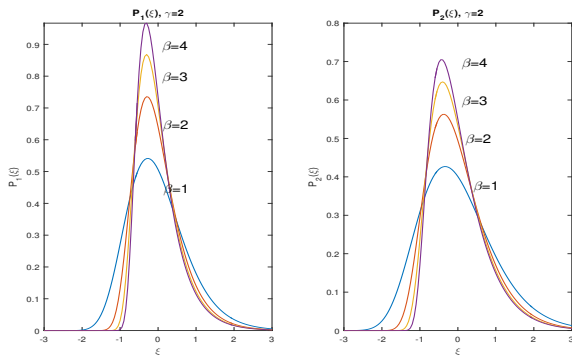
(M. Balazs, M. Racz and B. Toth. *Ann. Inst. Poincaré*, (2014)).

$$\bullet m = 2 \quad \lambda(\xi) = e^{-\beta\xi} \quad \Rightarrow \quad W(\xi) = \left[ \frac{(\beta-2\gamma)}{2C_2} e^{-\beta\xi} - \frac{1}{4C_2^2} e^{-2\beta\xi} \right], \quad (\text{Morse potential})$$

$$\bullet m = 2 \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_2(\xi) = \mathcal{N}(\beta, \gamma, C_2) e^{[\frac{\beta}{2}-\gamma]\xi - \frac{e^{-\beta\xi}}{2\beta C_2}} \underbrace{W_{\frac{\beta-2\gamma}{2\beta}, 0} \left( \frac{e^{-\beta\xi}}{\beta C_2} \right)}_{\text{Whittaker function, second kind}}, \\ \text{Swarm velocity : } C_2 = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{\psi(2\gamma/\beta) - 2\psi(\gamma/\beta)}, \quad (\psi(z) := \text{Digamma funct.}). \end{array} \right.$$

## Explicit shapes of swarms densities

Probability densities  $P_1(\xi)$  and  $P_2(\xi)$



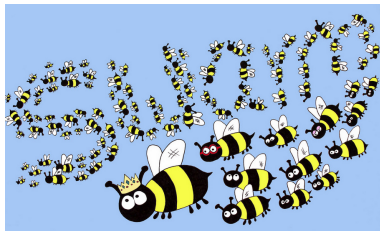
Swarm's velocities ratio:  $C_2/C_1 = \exp(e^{\psi(2\gamma/\beta)} - \psi(\gamma/\beta)) > 2$ .

### Part II

#### Swarms with leader-followers dynamics versus swarms driven by a skill

- The leader behavior is not influenced by her followers.
- The skill interacts with her fellows via "usual" swarm rule - however the skill itself can be externally driven - (i.e basic idea behind the concept of "*soft-control*").

## Leader-follower dynamics - Stochastic feedback particles filters (FPF)



filtering task - "express overview for the continuous discrete case"

$$\begin{cases} dX(t) = F(X(t))dt + \sigma_B dW_t, & \text{system's signal, } dW_t \text{ WGN} \\ Z_k = h(X_k) + \sigma_o dB_k, & \text{system's observation, } dB_t \text{ WGN.} \end{cases}$$

Basic goal: merge information from the model evolution and successive observations

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z_k := \{z_\tau : \tau \leq k\}, \\ P(x, t_k | Z_{k-1}) = \mathcal{F} \{P(x, t_{k-1} | Z_{k-1})\}, \quad \text{Fokker-Planck evolution for } t_{k-1} \leq t < t_k, \\ P(x, t_k | Z_k) := P(x, t_k | z_k, Z_{k-1}), \quad \text{updating after observation } z_k \text{ at time } t_k, \\ P(x, t_k | z_k, Z_{k-1}) P(z_k | Z_{k-1}) = P(x, z_k, t_k | Z_{k-1}) = P(z_k, t_k | x_k, Z_{k-1}) P(x, t_k | Z_{k-1}), \quad \text{Bayes,} \\ P(x, t_k | Z_k) = \frac{\overbrace{P(z_k, t_k | x_k, Z_{k-1})}^{\text{Gauss}} P(x, t_k | Z_{k-1})}{P(z_k | Z_{k-1})} = \frac{\left[ \frac{\exp\left\{-\frac{(z_k - h(x_k))^2}{2\sigma_o^2}\right\}}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_o^2}} \right] P(x, t_k | Z_{k-1})}{P(y_k | Z_{k-1})}. \end{array} \right.$$



## Feedback Particles (nonlinear) Filters (FPF)

$$\begin{cases} dX(t) = F(X(t))dt + \sigma_B dW_t, & \text{system's signal,} \\ dZ(t) = h(X(t))dt + \sigma_o dB_t, & \text{system's observation.} \end{cases}$$

Filtering task: Get  $P^*(X_t|\mathcal{Z}_t)$  posterior prob. given the history:  $\mathcal{Z}_t := \sigma(Z_s; s \leq t)$ .

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$$\begin{cases} dX_m(t) = F(X_m(t))dt + \sigma_B dW_{m,t} + \overbrace{U_m(t)}^{\text{control}} dt, & N \text{ particles with feedback control } U_m(t), \\ p^{(N)}(x, t)dx = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{m=1}^N \mathbb{I}(x \leq X_m(t) \leq (x + dx)), & \text{empirical probability density} \\ \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} p^{(N)}(x, t)dx = P^*(X_t|\mathcal{Z}_t). \end{cases}$$

FPF filtering algorithm:  $\min \left( KL \left\{ P^{(N)}(x, t) \parallel P^*(\hat{x}, t) \right\} \right)$ , Kullback-Leibner distance.

T. Yang, P. G. Metha, S. P. Meyn. "A mean-field control-oriented approach to particle filtering". *IEEE Trans. Autom. Contr.* (2013).

## Heterogeneous situation: swarm driven by a leader

$$\vec{X}(t) = (X_1(t), X_2(t), \dots, X_{(N-1)}(t)),$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} dX_1(t) &= \left[ f(X_1(t)) + \overbrace{U(X_1(t), \vec{X}(t), Z(t))}^{\text{interaction kernel}} \right] dt + \sigma_B dW_{1,t}, \\ dX_2(t) &= \left[ f(X_2(t)) + U(X_2(t), \vec{X}(t), Z(t)) \right] dt + \sigma_B dW_{2,t}, \\ &\dots \\ dX_N(t) &= \left[ f(X_N(t)) + U(X_N(t), \vec{X}(t), Z(t)) \right] dt + \sigma_B dW_{N,t} \end{aligned} \right\} N \text{ followers}$$

$$d\mathbf{X}(t) = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{X}(t))dt + \sigma_B d\mathbf{W}_t,$$

**leader's dynamics,**

$$dZ(t) = h[X(t)]dt + \sigma_o dB_t,$$

**information available to followers.**

## Stochastic optimal control problem

System ↔ Leader

Feedback particles ↔ Followers

Observation noise ↔ Signal delivered to the followers

Followers cooperative task: minimize Kulback "distance" between  $P_{\text{leader}}$  and  $P_{\text{swarm}}$

$P_{\text{leader}}$  := true prob. density of the position of the leader

$P_{\text{swarm}}$  := empirical prob. density of the positions of the  $(N - 1)$  followers



Stochastic optimal control problem → explicitly soluble variational problem

## Optimal control algorithm - explicit control $U(X_k(t), \vec{X}(t), Z(t))$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} U(X_k(t), \vec{X}(t), Z(t)) = \nu(X_k(t), \vec{X}(t), Z(t)) \overset{\text{Straton.}}{\circ} \left\{ dZ(t) - \left[ \frac{1}{2}h(X_k(t)) + \hat{h}(t) \right] \right\} \\ \nu(x(t), \vec{X}(t), Z(t)) = \frac{1}{\sigma_o^2 P(y, t | \mathcal{Z}(t))} \int_{-\infty}^x dy \left\{ \hat{h}(t) - h(y) \right\} P(y, t | \mathcal{Z}(t)), \\ \hat{h}(t) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} h(x, t) P(x, t | \mathcal{Z}(t)) dx, \\ P(x, t | \mathcal{Z}(t)) dx := P^*(X_t | \mathcal{Z}_t) \quad \text{filtererd conditional probability density.} \end{array} \right.$$

- $P(x, t | \mathcal{Z}(t))$  known explicitly, (finite dimensional filters)  $\Rightarrow$  solvable leader-follower dynamics
- The swarm density (tightness) is controlled by  $\sigma_o$ , (i.e. strength of the observation noise)

### Fully solvable class of dynamics

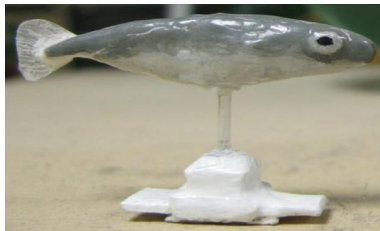
a) Linear drift; (Ornstein - Uhlenbeck (OU)+ linear observation  $\Rightarrow$  Kalman filters).

b) Nonlinear drift:  $\left( \left[ f(x)^2 + \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right] = Ax^2 + Bx + C \right)$  (V. Benes, Stochastics (1981) and MOH, Physica D (1981)).

## Part II - (continued)

Inhomogeneous swarms infiltrated by a (controllable) complice, (shill).

## Heterogeneous swarms infiltrated by a complice



$$dX_i(t) = \left( \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^N g_k 1_{Q_k(i)} \{X(t)\}}_{\text{ranked-based interaction}} + \gamma_i + \gamma \right) dt + \sigma_i dW_i(t), \quad \begin{cases} X_i(0) = x_i, \\ 1 \leq i \leq N. \end{cases}$$

$X_i(t)$  position of agent  $i$

$g_k$  rank-dependent constant drift  
( $X_i(t)$  occupies rank  $k$  at time  $t$ )

$\gamma_i$  constant agent-dependent drift

$\gamma$  constant drift

$dW_i(t)$  WGN (mutually indep. for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ )

$$\left( \text{set } \sum_{k=1}^N [g_k + \gamma_k] = 0 \right)$$

$\Downarrow$

$\gamma$ : average barycentric speed of the swarm.

Theorem: (T. Ichiba et al., 2011):

1. **Swarm tightness condition.**

$$\sum_{k=1}^m [g_k + \gamma_{p(l)}] < 0, \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} p = (p(1), \dots, p(N)) \in \Sigma_N \\ 1 \leq m \leq N-1 \end{array} \right)$$

$\Sigma_N$  set of permutations of the  $N$  agents

2. **Stationary measure for the  $(N-1)$  gaps between agents**  $\Psi(z), z \in \mathbb{R}_+^{N-1}$ .

$$\psi(z) = \underbrace{\left( \sum_{p \in \Sigma_N} \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} \lambda_{p,k}^{-1} \right)^{-1}}_{\text{normalization factor}} \sum_{p \in \Sigma_N} \exp(-\langle \lambda_p, z \rangle)$$

$$\lambda_p = (\lambda_{p,k})_{k=1}^{N-1} \quad \lambda_{p,k} = \frac{-4 \sum_{l=1}^k (g_l + \gamma_{p(l)})}{\sigma_k^2 + \sigma_{k+1}^2}.$$



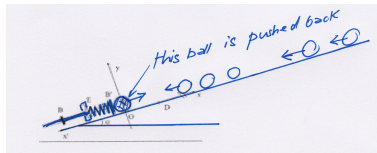
## Swarm of $(N - 1)$ identical agents infiltrated by a single super-diffusive fellow

- $(N - 1)$  Brownian agents driven constant drift  $(-g)$  and by WGN's .
- One "Shill" agent ( $i = 1$ ) driven by drift  $(N - 1)g$  and by super-diffusive noise.

Specific choice of of the control parameters in the "Hybrid-Atlas" model

- $\gamma_i \equiv 0,$  .

$$g_k = \begin{cases} -g, & 1 \leq k < N, \\ (N - 1)g, & k = N. \end{cases}$$



$$\left( \sum_{k=1}^l g_k < 0 \quad \text{for } l = 1, 2, \dots, (N - 1) \right) \Rightarrow \text{swarm tightness cond. for BM agents}$$

## Dynamic mean preserving spread (MPS) noise - super-diffusive, (ballistic) noise source

$$dZ(t) = \beta \tanh [\beta Z(t)] dt + dW_t \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad P(z, t|z_0) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2\pi t}} \left\{ e^{-\frac{[(z-z_0)+\beta t]^2}{2t}} + e^{-\frac{[(z-z_0)-\beta t]^2}{2t}} \right\}$$

alternative  $\Updownarrow$  representation

$$Z(t) = \mathcal{B} \beta dt + dW_t, \quad \mathcal{B} \text{ a Bernoulli random variable}$$

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## Heterogenous swarm driven by a skill with MPS noise

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} dX_1(t) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^N g_k 1_{Q_k(1)} \{X(t)\} + \gamma_1 + \gamma \right) dt + dZ_1(t), \\ dX_i(t) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^N g_k 1_{Q_k(i)} \{X(t)\} + \gamma_i + \gamma \right) dt + dW_i(t), \end{array} \right. \quad \begin{array}{l} X_1(t) = x_{1,0}, \\ \left\{ \begin{array}{l} X_i(0) = x_{i,0}, \\ 2 \leq i < N. \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

↓

$$\text{alternative a) } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} dX_1(t) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^N g_k 1_{Q_k(1)} \{X(t)\} + \gamma_1 + \beta + \gamma \right) dt + dW_1(t), \\ dX_i(t) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^N g_k 1_{Q_k(i)} \{X(t)\} + \gamma_i + \gamma \right) dt + dW_i(t), \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{alternative b) } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} dX_1(t) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^N g_k 1_{Q_k(1)} \{X(t)\} \gamma_1 - \beta + \gamma \right) dt + dW_1(t), \\ dX_i(t) = \left( \sum_{k=1}^N g_k 1_{Q_k(i)} \{X(t)\} + \gamma_i + \gamma \right) dt + dW_i(t). \end{array} \right.$$

## Tight, "semi-tight" and unstable regimes ( $\beta_c^+ \leq \beta < \beta_c^-$ )



Stability character depends on the realisation of  $\beta$  defining the  $dZ(t)$

Tight regime

"Semi-tight" regime

Unstable regime

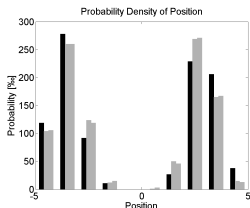


Figure:  $\beta = 1.1 < \beta_c^+ = \frac{3}{2}$

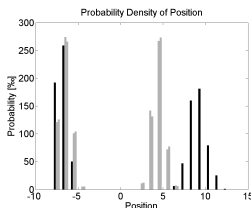


Figure:  $\beta = 2 > \beta_c^+$

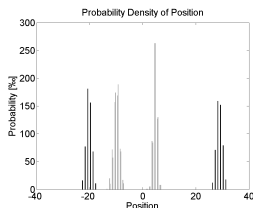


Figure:  $\beta = 4 > \beta_c^-$

End position distributions ( $t = 10, N = 3$  and  $g = 1$ ):

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