

# Emergent behavior in self-organized dynamics: from consensus to hydrodynamic flocking

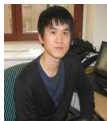
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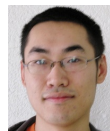
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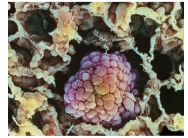
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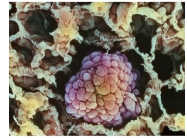
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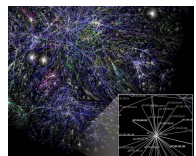


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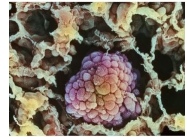


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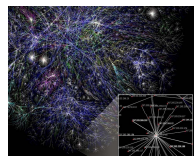


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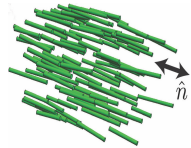
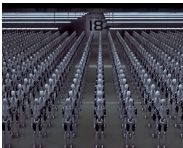
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- Key issue: the notion of ‘local neighborhood’

# Outline

## 1 Rules of engagement: alignment

- Krause model for opinion dynamics
- Sensor-based motion – the rendezvous problem
- Vicsek model for flocking; phase transition
- Cucker-Smale models for flocking — near and far from equilibrium

## 2 $t \rightarrow \infty$ : The emergence of consensus, parties, leaders, ...

- Large time behavior — consensus, flocking, ...
- Synchronization — Kuramoto model
- Taking tendency into account — emergence of leaders
- A general perspective

## 3 $N \rightarrow \infty$ : Social hydrodynamics

- Kinetic description
- From kinetic to hydrodynamic description of flocking
- Hydrodynamic alignment — smooth solutions must flock
- Critical thresholds in flocking hydrodynamics

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<sup>3d</sup>Connectivity of mobile networks — Zalvanos, Pappas, et. al (2007-2011)

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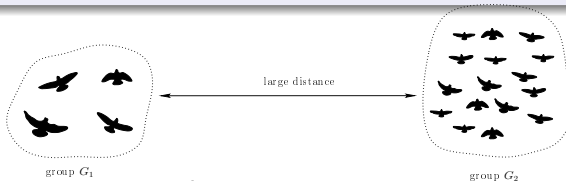
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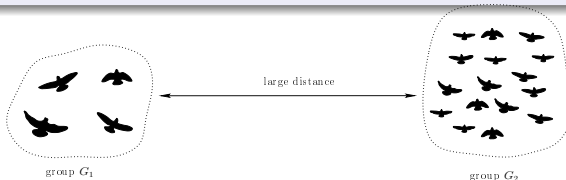
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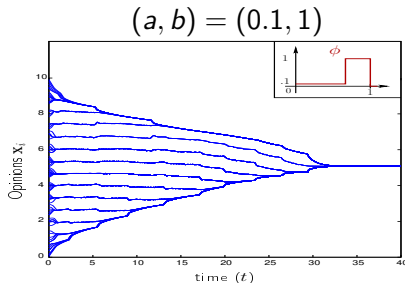
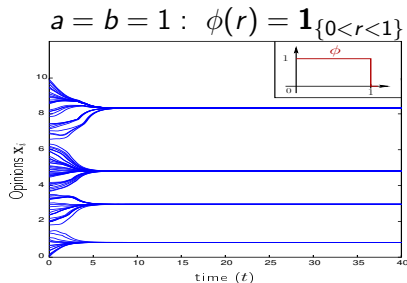
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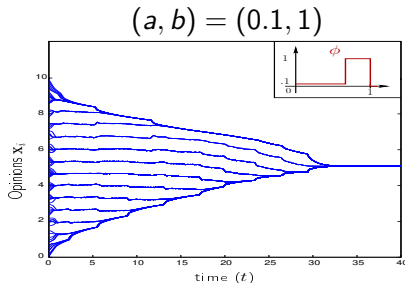
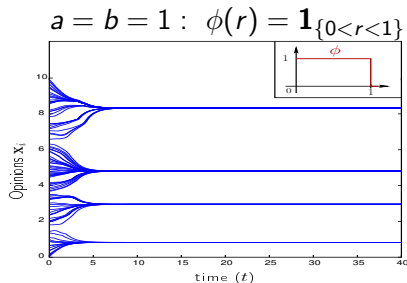
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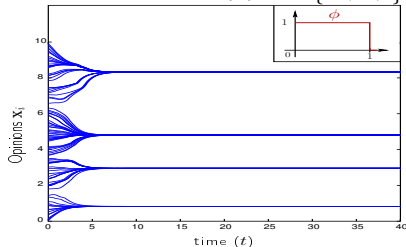


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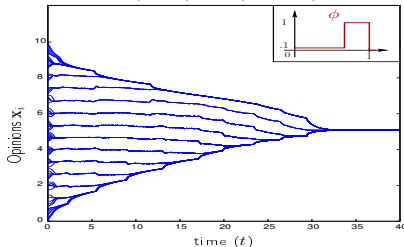
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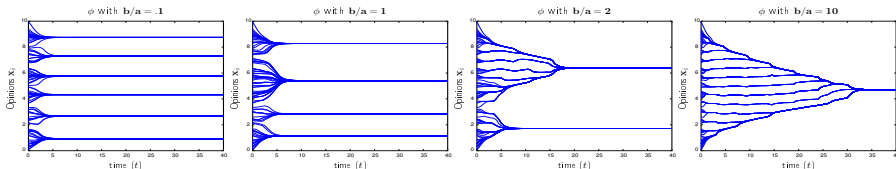
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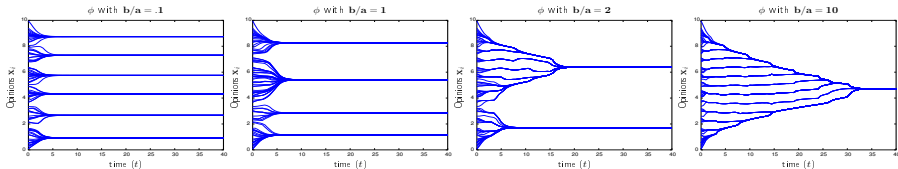
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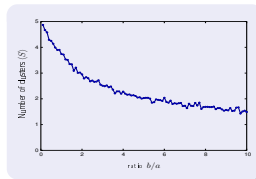
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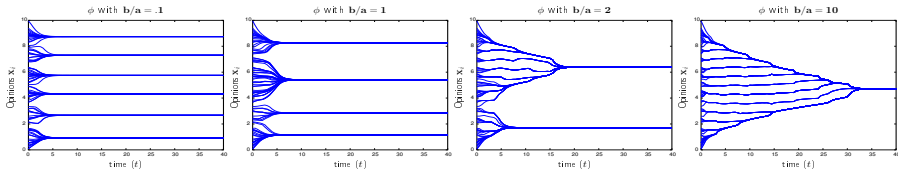
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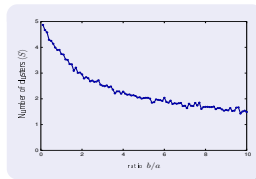
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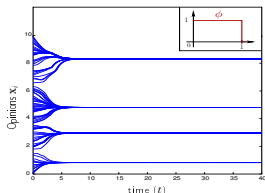
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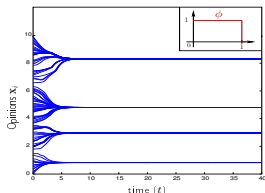
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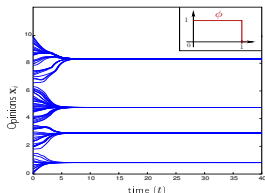
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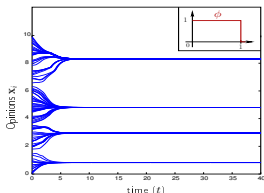
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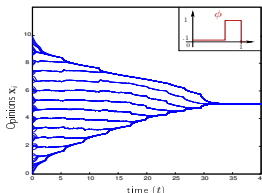
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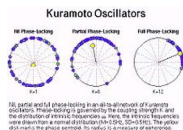
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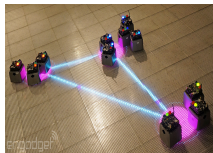


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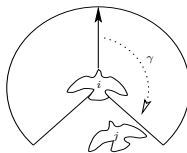
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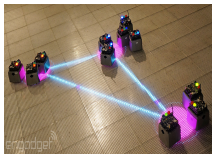


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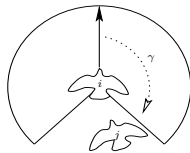


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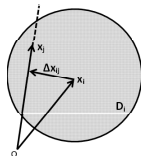


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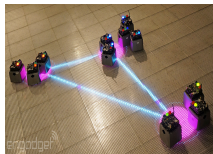


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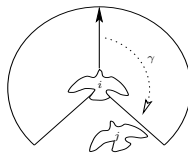
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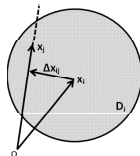


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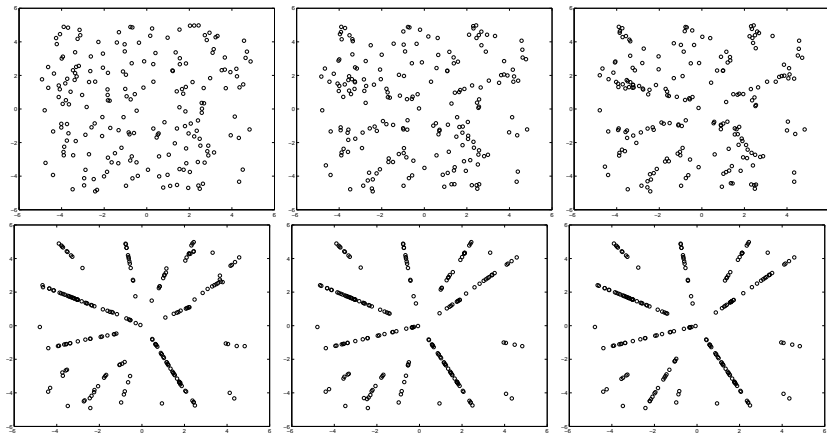


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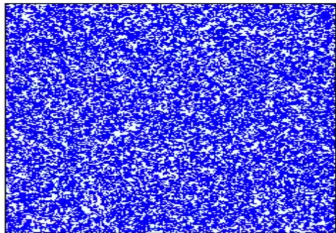
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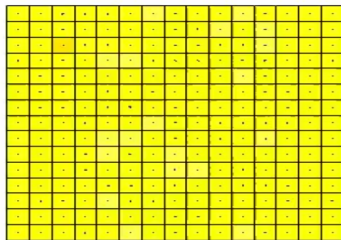
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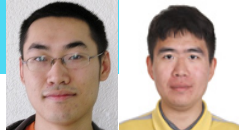


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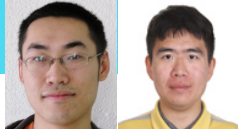
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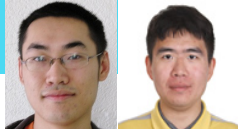
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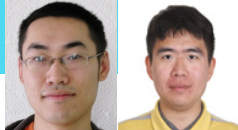
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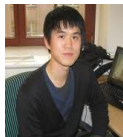
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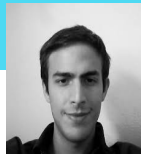
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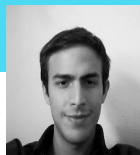
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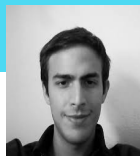
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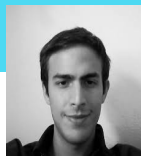


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