

Coordinative Control over Complex Networks

複雜網絡上的協調控制

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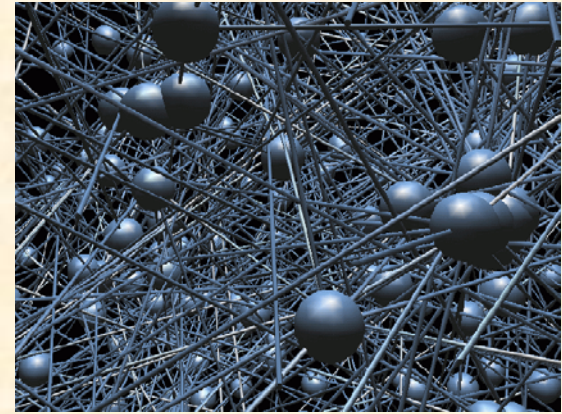
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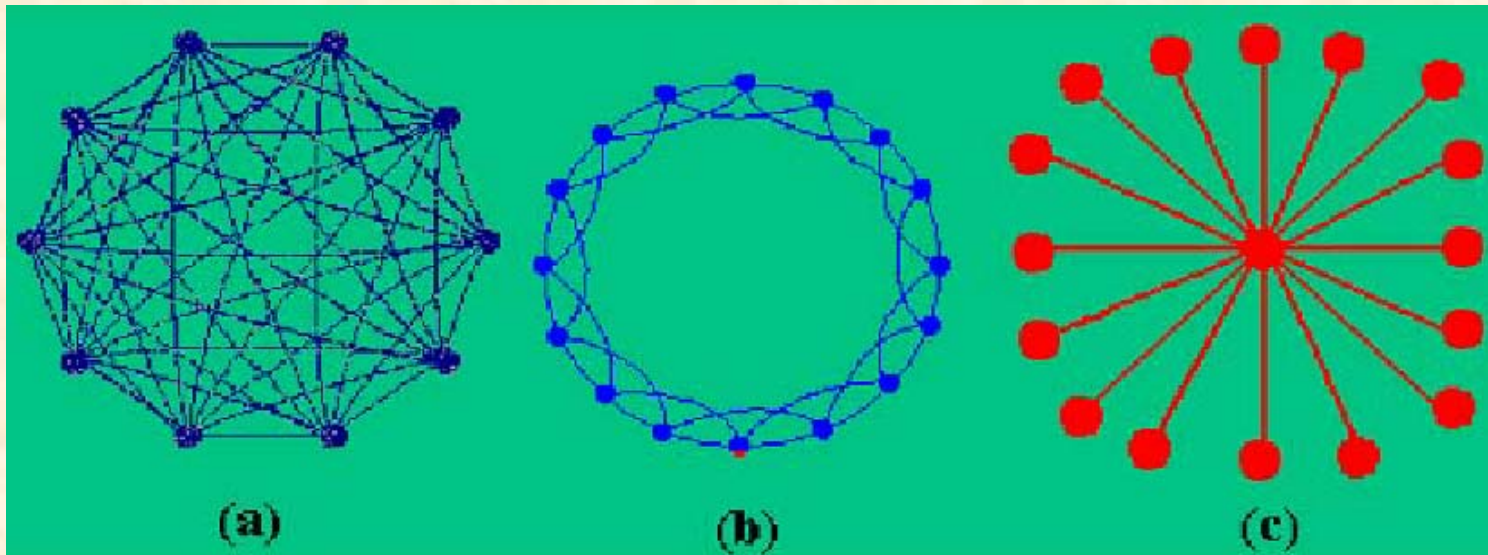
- **A Quick Review of Three Network Models:**
 - Random-Graph, Small-World, and Scale-Free Networks
- **Consensus and Control over Complex Networks:**
 - Pinning Control
 - Swarming, Consensus, Flocking
 - Coordinated Control
- **DEMO**

Network Topology



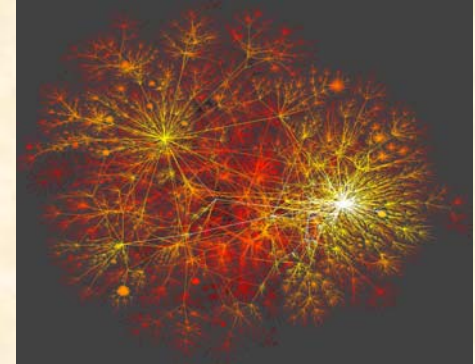
- ❖ A network is a set of nodes interconnected via links
- ❖ Internet: Nodes – routers Links – wires
- ❖ Neural Network: Nodes – cells Links – nerves
- ❖ Social Networks: Nodes – individuals Links – relations
- ❖

Regular Networks



- (a) Globally coupled network
- (b) Ring-coupled network
- (c) Star-coupled network

Basic Network Models

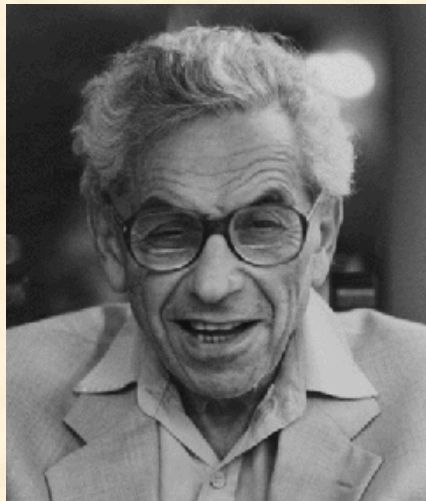


- ❖ Random Graph Theory (Erdős and Rényi, 1960)
- ❖ ER Random Graph model dominates for near 50 years
..... till today
- ❖ Availability of databases and super-computing
→ rethinking of approach
- ❖ Recent significant discoveries:
 - Small-World effect (Watts and Strogatz, Nature, 1998)
 - Scale-Free feature (Barabási and Albert, Science, 1999)

Random Graph Theory

-- A revolution in the 1960s

Paul Erdős



Alfred Rényi



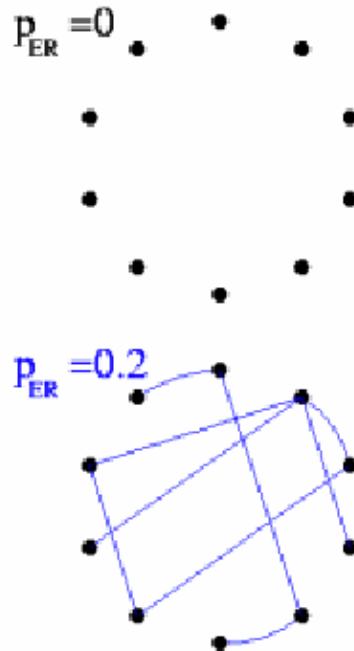
- ❖ Simplest model for most complex networks
- ❖ Rigorous mathematical theory

ER Random Graph Models

Erdős-Rényi

(Publ. Math. Inst. Hung. Acad. Sci. 5, 17 (1960))

N nodes, each pair of node is connected with probability p



Features:

- ❖ **Connectivity**
Poisson distribution
- ❖ **Homogeneity**
All nodes have about the same number of links
- ❖ **Non-growing**

Random Graph and Poisson Degree Distribution

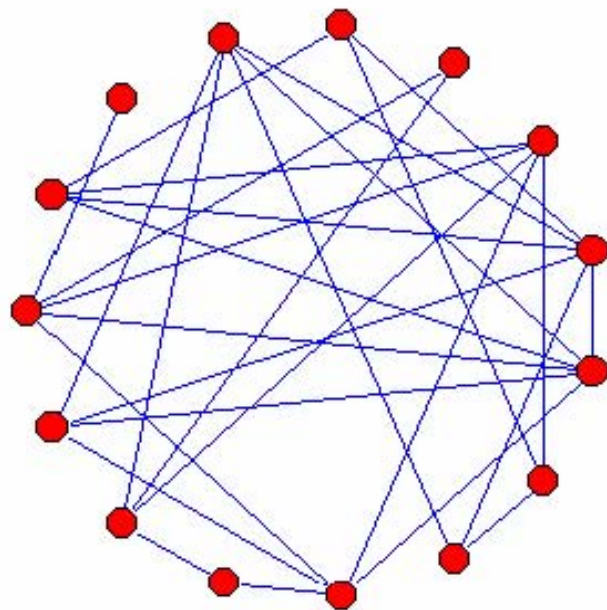
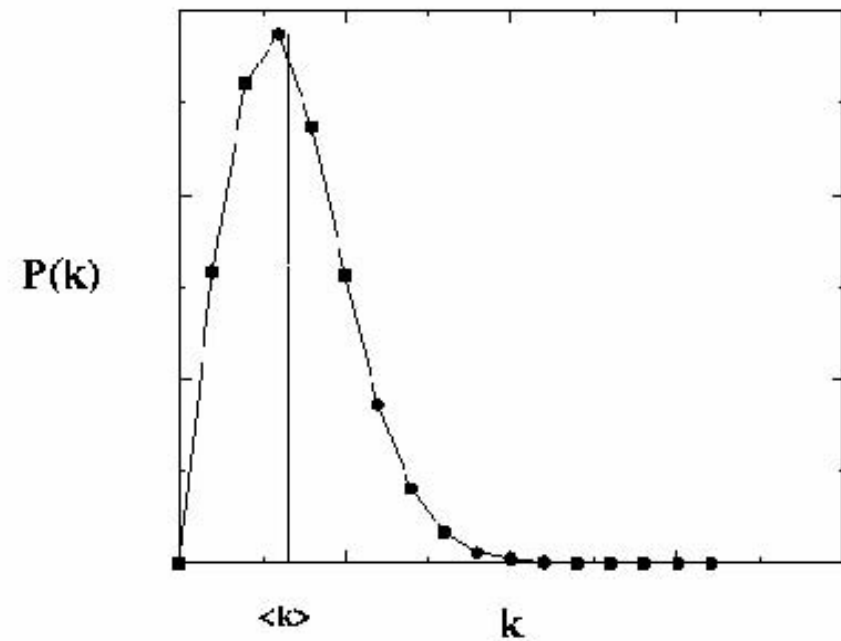


Illustration of Erdős-Rényi random-graph network model

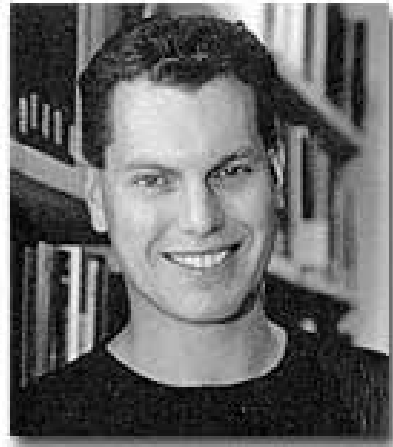


Small-World Networks

“Collective dynamics of
'small-world' networks”

--- *Nature*, 393: 440-442, 1998

D. J. Watts



S. H. Strogatz

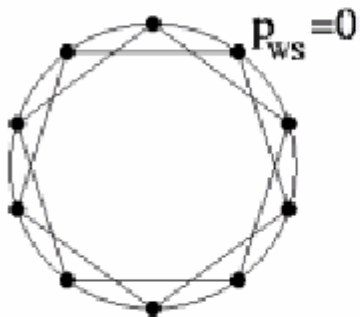


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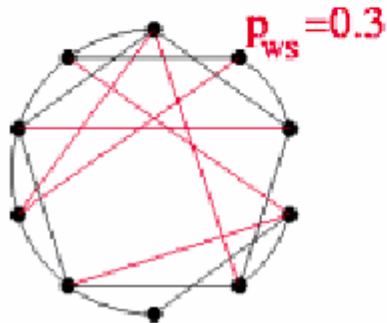
Small-World Networks

Watts-Strogatz

(Nature 393, 440 (1998))



N nodes forms a regular lattice. With probability p , each edge is rewired randomly



Features:

(Similar to ER Random Graphs)

❖ Connectivity

Poisson distribution

❖ Homogeneity

All nodes have about the same number of links

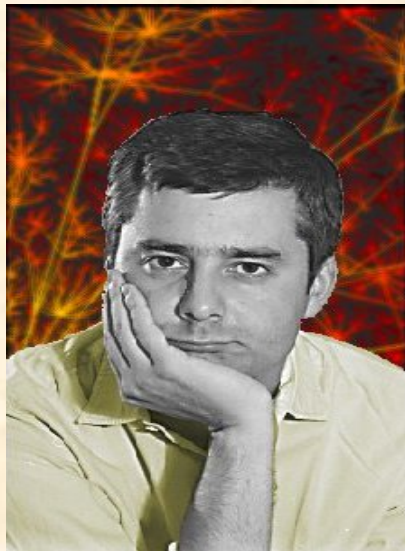
❖ Non-growing

Scale-Free Networks

“Emergence of scaling in random networks”

Science, 286: 509 (1999)

A.-L. Barabási



R. Albert



Norte Dame University

Scale-Free Networks

(**Barabasi-Albert**, Science, 1999)

Start with a network of size m_0 **(initialization)**

(i) **Add new nodes (incremental growth):**

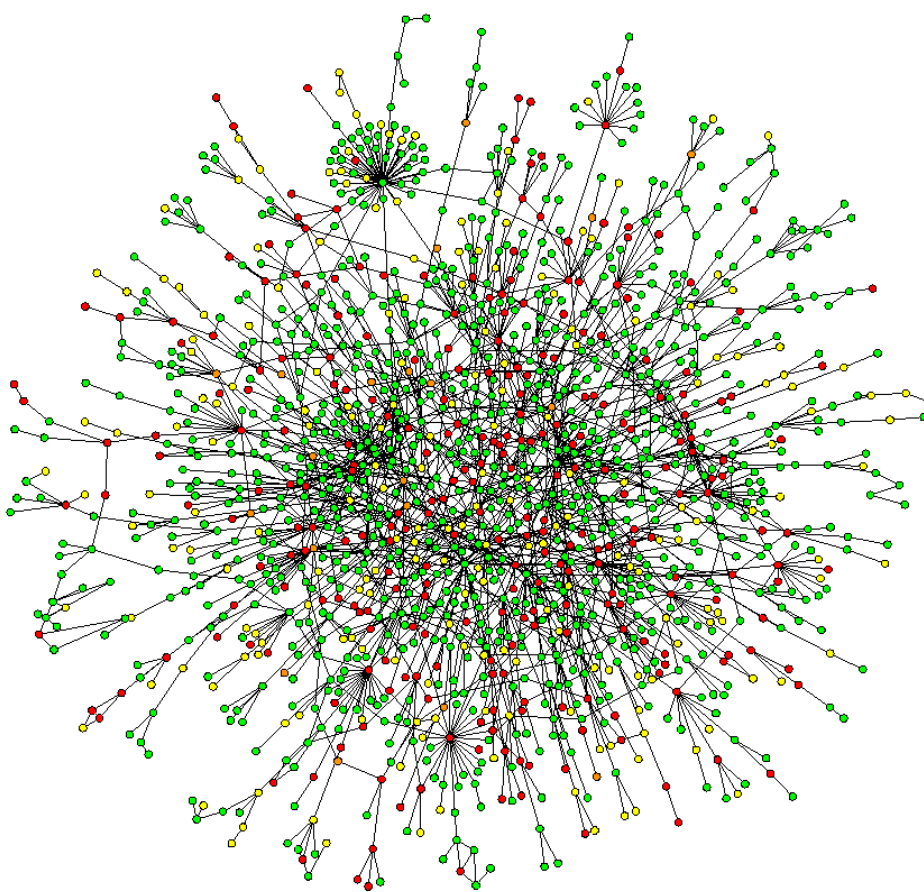
With probability p , a new node is added into the network

(ii) **Add new links (preferential attachment):**

The new node has m ($m \leq m_0$) new links to the already existing nodes in the network, with probability

$$\Pi(k_i) = \frac{k_i + 1}{\sum_l (k_l + 1)}$$

Scale-Free Networks



Features:

- ❖ **Connectivity:**
in power-law form
 $P(k) \sim k^{-r}$
- ❖ **Non-homogeneity:**
Very few nodes have many links but most nodes have very few links
- ❖ **Growing**

(Hawoong Jeong)

Complex Networks and ICM

International Congress of Mathematics (ICM)

22-28 August 2006, Madrid, Spain

Jon M Kleinberg (Cornell Univ) received the
Nevanlinna Prize for Applied Mathematics

He gave a 45-minute talk –

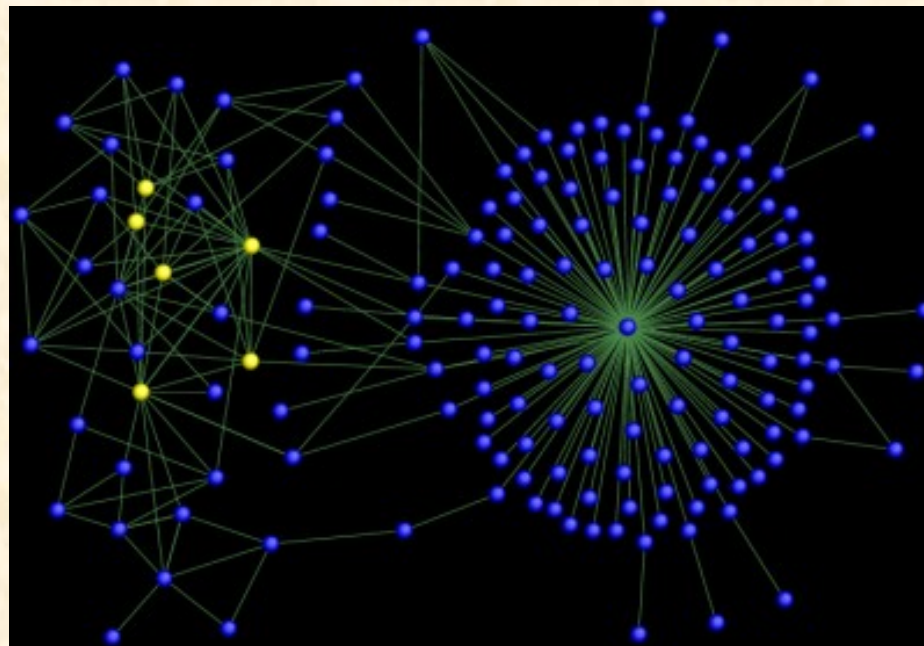
“Complex Networks
and Decentralized Search Algorithms”

J M Kleinberg, “Navigation in a small world,”
Nature, 2000

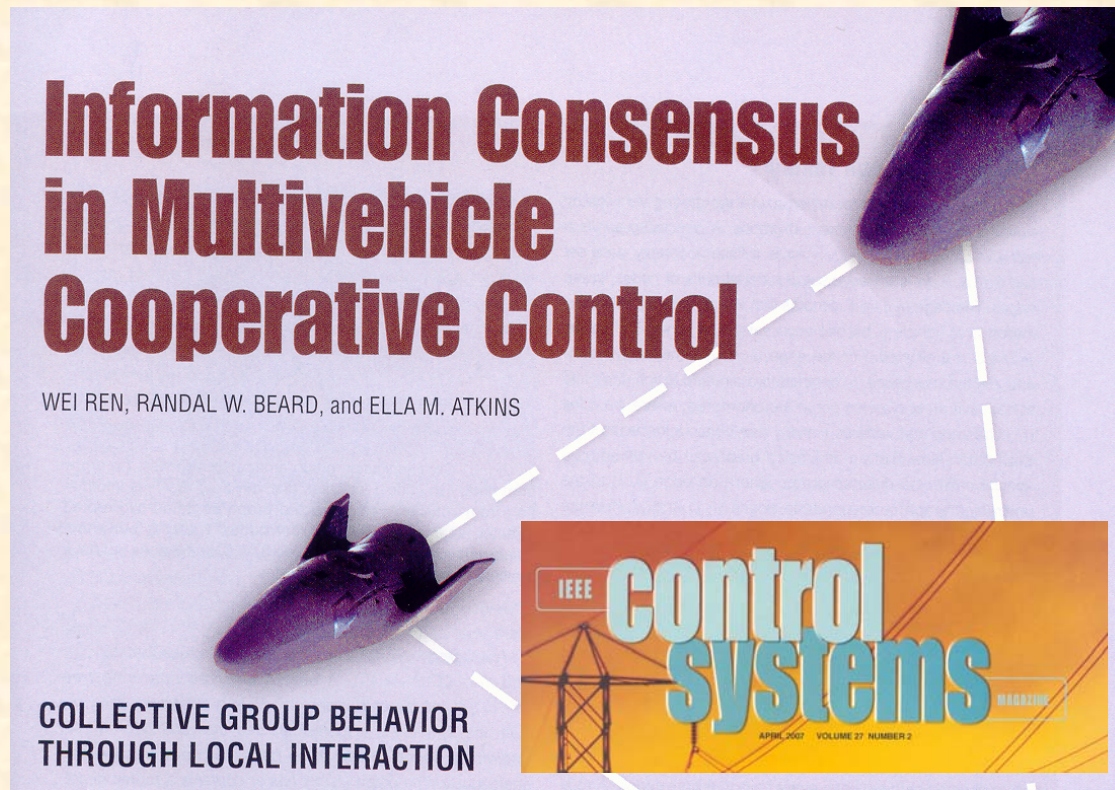


Consensus and Control over Complex Networks

It has already started ...



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Pinning Control of Complex Dynamical Networks

- **Pinning Control:**

- Only pin a small portion of nodes

- **Random / Specific Pinning:**

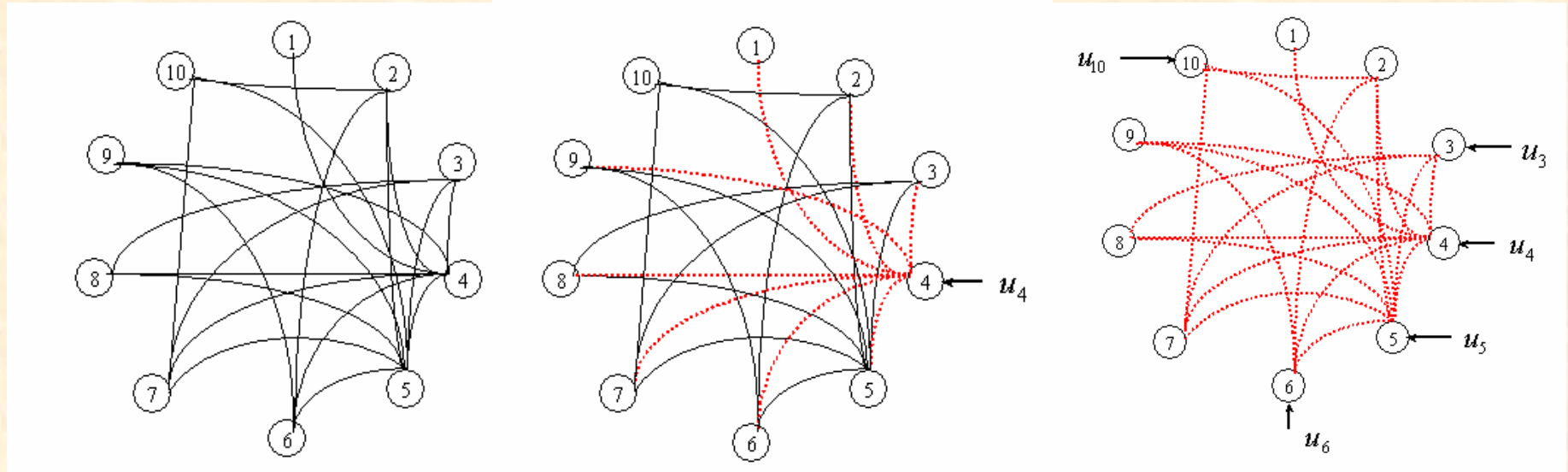
- R:** Pin a portion of randomly selected nodes

- S:** First pin the most important node

- Then select and pin the second-most important node

- Continue ... till control goal is achieved

Pinning Control Example



A network with 10-nodes
generated by the B-A scale-free model ($N=10$, $m=m_0=3$)

X. F. Wang, G. Chen, Physica A (2002)
X. Li, X. F. Wang, G. Chen, IEEE T-CAS (2003)

Control of Complex Networks

A network with N linearly coupled nodes:

$$\dot{x}_i = f(x_i) + c \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^N a_{ij} \Gamma(x_j - x_i), i = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

Here:

$x_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{in}) \in R^n$ - state variables

$f(\cdot)$ - nonlinear continuously differentiable function

$\Gamma \in R^{n \times n}$ - constant 0-1 coupling matrix

Assume: $\Gamma = \text{diag}(r_1, \dots, r_n)$ is diagonal with $r_i = 1$
for a particular i and $r_j = 0$ for $j \neq i$.

Control of Complex Networks

Control Objective: To stabilize the network onto a particular solution of the network:

$$x_1(t) = x_2(t) = \cdots = x_N(t) \rightarrow \bar{x}, \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

Here, $\bar{x} \in R^n$ is an equilibrium point of an isolated node.

Selective Control:

Only a portion of nodes are selected for stabilization control

1. Specifically selective scheme
2. Randomly selective scheme

X. F. Wang, G. Chen, Physica A (2002)
X. Li, X. F. Wang, APWCCS (2003)
X. Li, X. F. Wang, G. Chen, IEEE T-CAS (2003,2004)
Z. P. Fan, G. Chen, Handbook (2004), CCDC (2005)

Control of Complex Networks

Example: Consider a coupled CNN:

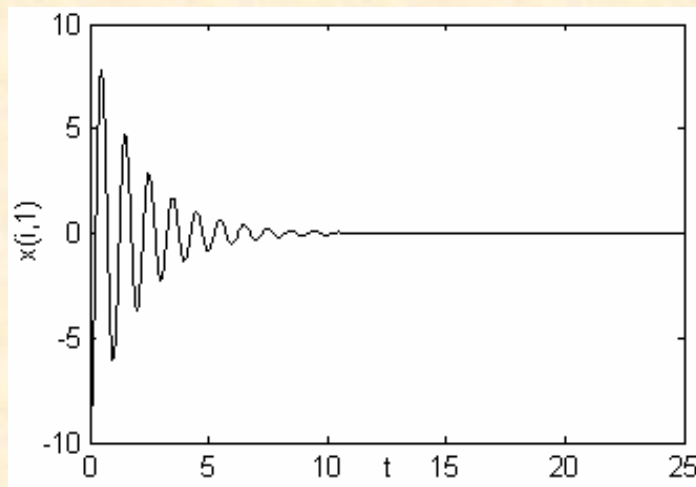
$$\dot{x}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \dot{x}_{i1} \\ \dot{x}_{i2} \\ \dot{x}_{i3} \\ \dot{x}_{i4} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -x_{i3} - x_{i4} + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_{j1} \\ 2x_{i2} + x_{i3} + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_{j2} \\ 14x_{i1} - 14x_{i2} + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_{j3} \\ 100x_{i1} - 100x_{i4} \\ \quad + 100(|x_{i4} + 1| - |x_{i4} - 1|) \\ \quad + c \sum_{j=1}^N a_{ij} x_{j4} \end{pmatrix} \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

Control of Complex Networks

Here, network size $N = 60$, coupling strength $c = 8.246$, and number of controlled nodes $l = 15$

Specifically Selective Scheme: Only control the first 15 largest-degree nodes, with state-feedback control. Control gains are

$$k_i = 29.7603$$



The controlled state x_1

Control of Complex Networks

Comparison:

Randomly Selective Scheme: Randomly select 15 nodes to pin.

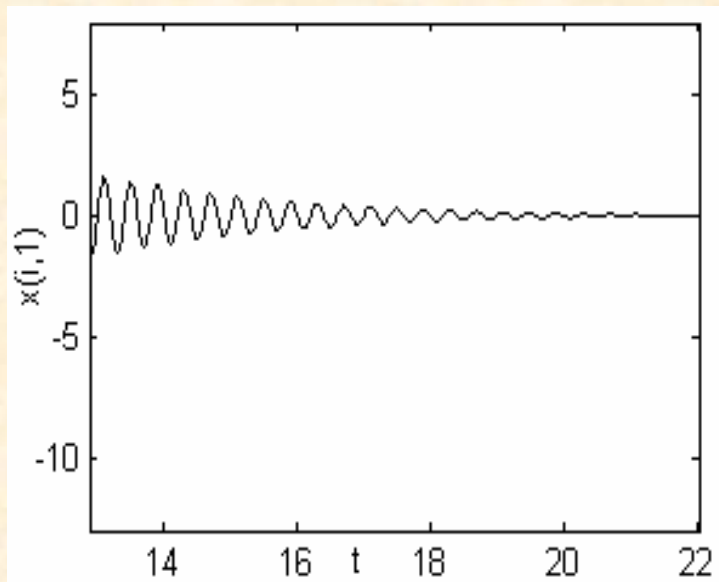
Control gains are much larger:

$$k_i = 513.3709$$

compared to the previous one:

$$k_i = 29.7603$$

And, it takes twice longer
time to stabilize the network



The controlled state x1

Consensus and Control over Complex Networks

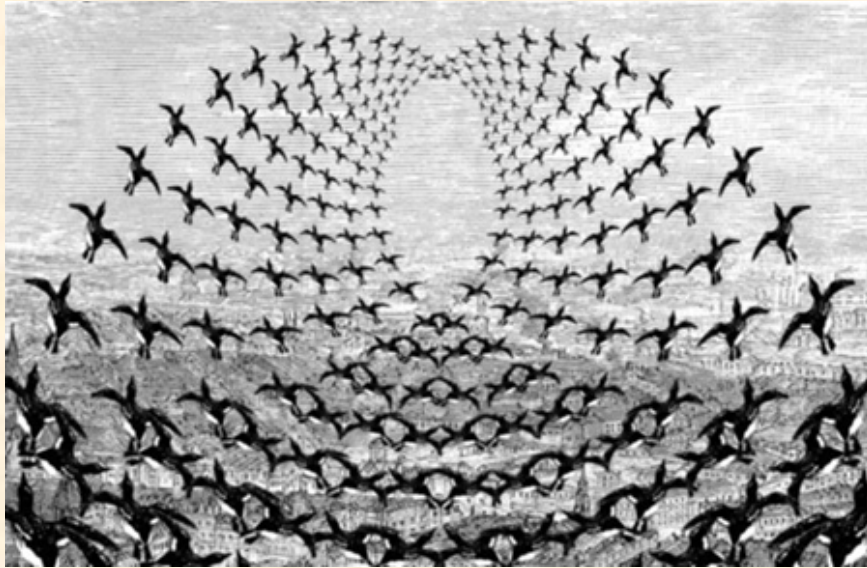
- **Swarm Dynamics/Modeling**
- **Consensus Protocols/Analysis**
- **Flocking Algorithms/Control**
- **DEMO**

Fish Swarming

- ❖ **Swarming:**
to move or gather
in group



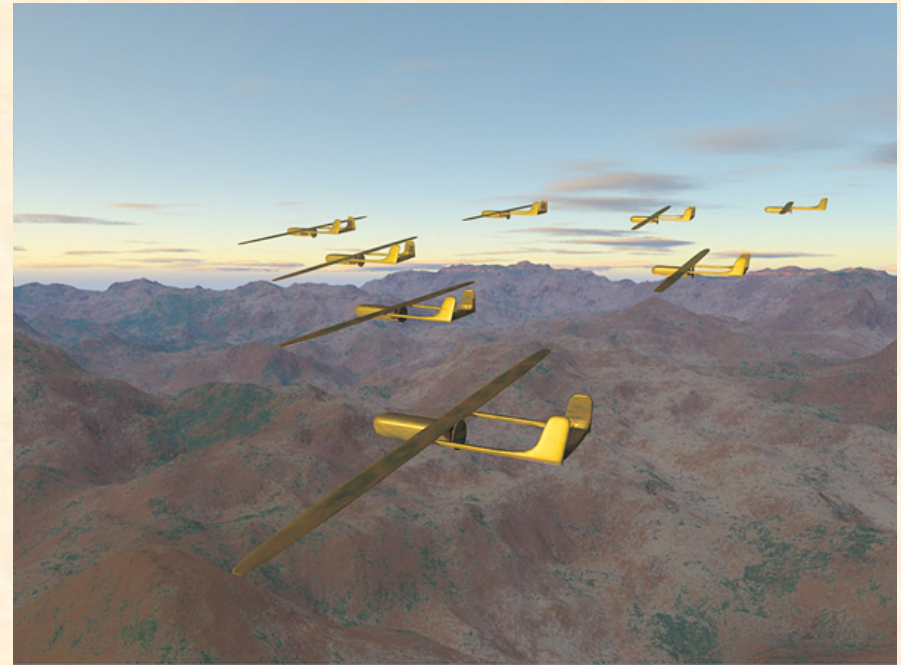
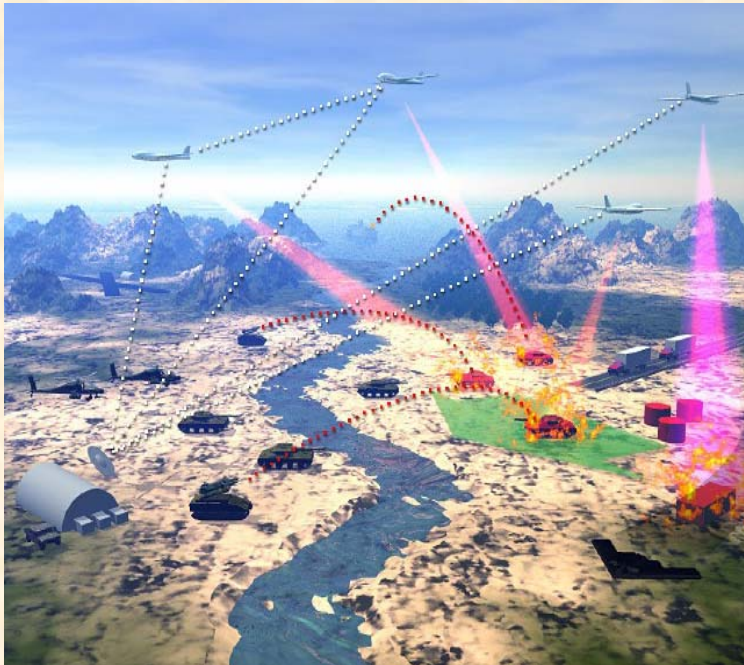
Birds Flocking



Flocking: to congregate or travel in flock

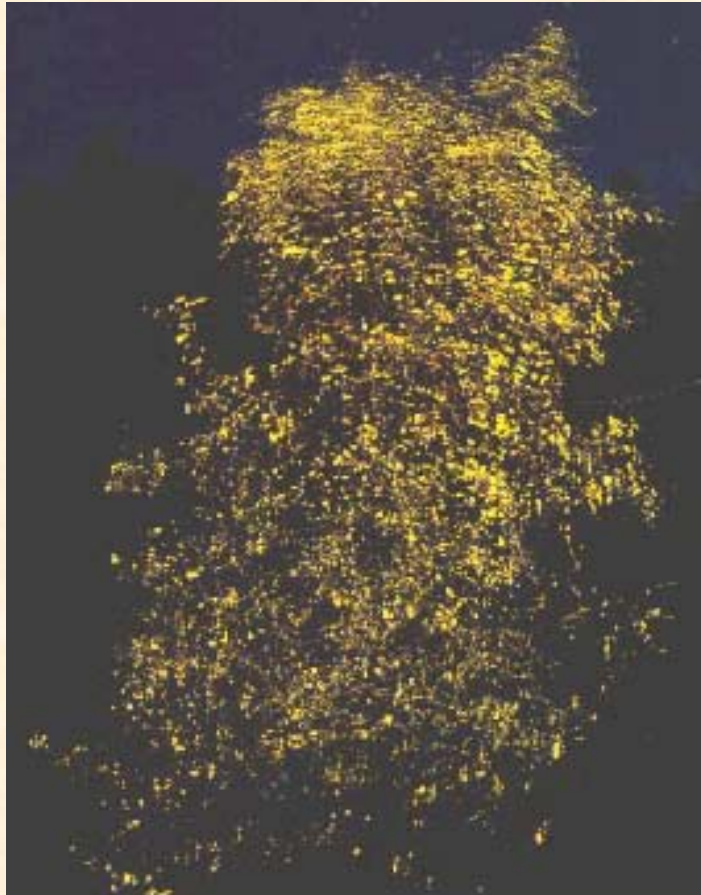
Consensus

A position reached by a group as a whole

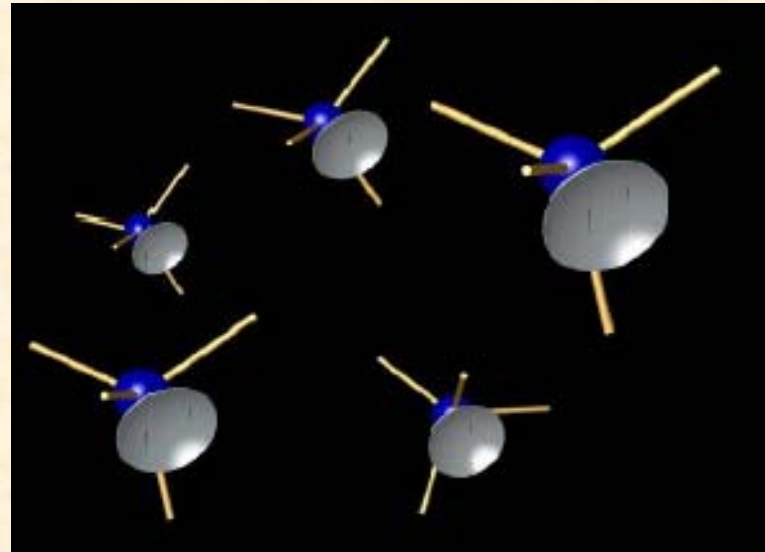


Battle space management scenario

Fireflies Synchronization



Attitude Alignment



The attitude of each spacecraft is synchronized with its two adjacent neighbors via a bi-directional communication channel

What are in common ?

- ❖ Swarming
- ❖ Flocking
- ❖ Rendezvous
- ❖ Consensus
- ❖ Synchrony
- ❖ Cooperation
- ❖



Distributed coordination of a network of agents:

- ✓ Agents
- ✓ Network
- ✓ Distributed local control
- ✓ Global consensus

Swarming



Vicsek Model

➤ Position:

$$x_i(t+1) = x_i(t) + v_i(t)\Delta t$$

➤ Heading:

$$\theta(t+1) = \langle \theta(t) \rangle_r + \Delta\theta$$

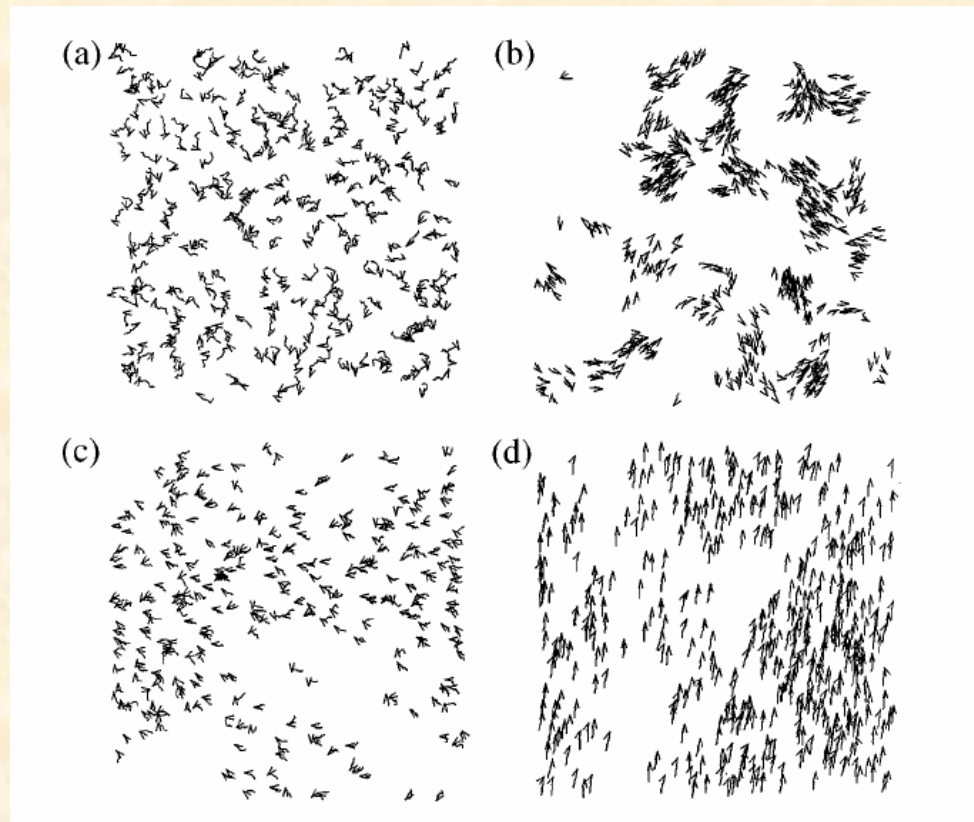
(a) Initial: Random positions/velocities

(b) Low density/noise: grouped

(c) High density/noise: correlated

(d) High density / Low noise

→ coordinated motion



Vicsek, Czirok, Jacob, Cohen, Shochet, “Novel type of phase transition in a system of self-driven particles,” Phys. Rev. Lett., 1995, 75 (6): 1226

Convergence

$$\theta(t+1) = F_{G_p(t)} \theta(t)$$

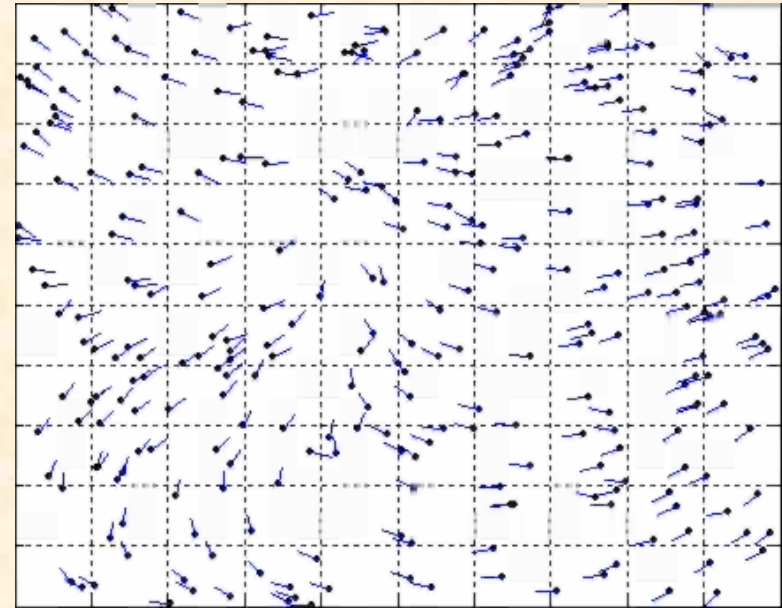
❖ Strong condition:
agents are always linked

❖ Weak condition:
on some time intervals

$$[t_i, t_{i+1}), i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty, t_0 = 0$$

agents are linked together

→ $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \theta(t) = \theta_{ss} \mathbf{1}$



Jadbabaie, Lin, Morse, “Coordination of groups of mobile autonomous agents using nearest neighbor rules,” *IEEE Trans. Auto. Control*, 2003, 48(6): 988-1001

Moreau Model

Linear or linearized model:

$$x(t+1) = A(G(t))x(t)$$

with a stochastic matrix

$$(A(G))_{kl} = \begin{cases} \frac{w_{lk}}{1 + \sum_{i \in \text{Neighbors}(k,A)} w_{ik}}, & \text{if } l \in \text{Neighbors}(k,A) \\ \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{i \in \text{Neighbors}(k,A)} w_{ik}}, & \text{if } k = l \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Moreau, “Stability of multiagent systems with time-dependent communication links,” *IEEE Trans. Auto. Control*, 2005, 50(2): 169-182

Stability Analysis

$$x(t+1) = A(G(t))x(t)$$

It is uniformly globally attractive with respect to the collection of equilibrium solutions if and only if there exists a $T > 0$ such that for all t there is a node (the “leader”) connecting to all other nodes, directly or indirectly, over the time window $[t, t+T]$.

Moreau, “Stability of multiagent systems with time-dependent communication links,” IEEE Trans. Auto. Control, 2005, 52(2): 169-182

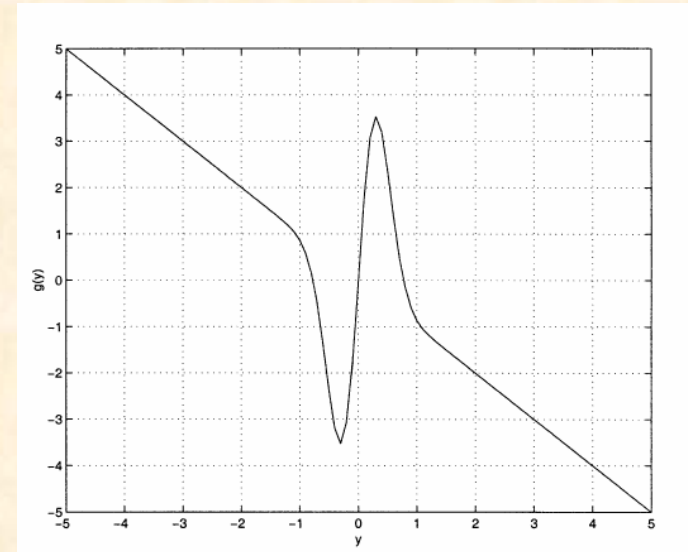
Stability Analysis of a Swarm Model

- ❖ A swarm of M globally nonlinearly coupled individuals:

$$\dot{x}^i = \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^M g(x^i - x^j), \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

Attraction/Repulsion function:

$$g(y) = -y(a - b \exp(-\frac{\|y\|^2}{c}))$$



- ❖ All the agents will converge to a hyperball:

$$B_{\varepsilon} = \{x : \|x - \bar{x}\| \leq \varepsilon\}$$

$$\bar{x} = 1/M \sum_{i=1}^M x^i$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{b}{a} \sqrt{c/2} \exp(-1/2)$$

Gazi, Passino, IEEE Trans. Auto. Control, 2003, 48: 692–697

Stability Analysis of Foraging Swarms

$$\dot{x}^i = -\nabla_{x^i} \sigma(x^i) + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^M g(x^i - x^j), i = 1, \dots, M$$

A/R function: $g(y) = -y[g_a(\|y\|) - g_r(\|y\|)]$

Linear attraction

$$g_a(\|x^i - x^j\|) = a,$$

bounded repulsion

$$g_r(\|x^i - x^j\|) \|x^i - x^j\| \leq b,$$

$$\|\nabla_y \sigma(y)\| \leq \bar{\sigma}$$



$$x^i(t) \rightarrow B_\varepsilon(\bar{x}(t))$$

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 = \frac{(M-1)}{aM} \left[b + \frac{2\bar{\sigma}}{M} \right]$$

$$M \rightarrow \infty$$



$$\varepsilon = b/a$$

Gazi, Passino, IEEE Trans. Sys. Man Cybern., B: 2004, 34(1): 539-557

Another Model



$$d_i(t) = \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{p_j(t) - p_i(t)}{|p_j(t) - p_i(t)|} + \sum_j \frac{\theta_j(t)}{|\theta_j(t)|}$$

$d_i(t)$ -- Desired direction of travel

$p_i(t)$ -- Position

$\theta_i(t)$ -- Direction

Couzin, Krause, Franks, Levin,

“Effective leadership and decision-making
in animal groups on the move,”

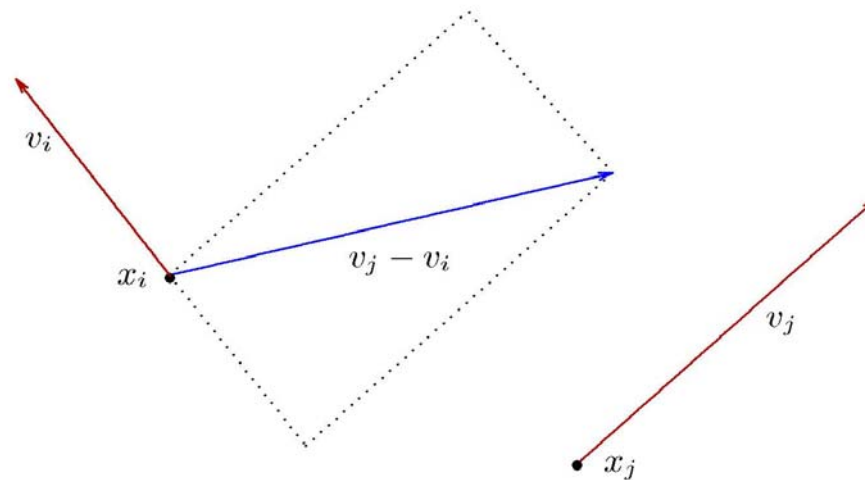
Nature, Feb. 3, 2005, 513-516

Yet Another Model

-- with more precise analysis

Model: every bird adjusts its velocity by adding to it a weighted average of the differences of its velocity with those of the other birds. That is, at time $t \in \mathbb{N}$, and for bird i ,

$$v_i(t+1) - v_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^k a_{ij}(v_j(t) - v_i(t)). \quad (1)$$



Cucker, Smale, "Emergent behavior on flocks," *IEEE Trans. Auto. Control*, 52: 852-862, 2007

We assume that this influence is a function of the distance between birds, namely

$$a_{ij} = \frac{K}{(\sigma^2 + \|x_i - x_j\|^2)^\beta}. \quad (2)$$

for some fixed $K, \sigma > 0$ and $\beta \geq 0$.

Convergence in continuous time

For $x, v \in \mathbb{E}^k$ we denote

$$\Gamma(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \|x_i - x_j\|^2$$

$$\Lambda(v) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \neq j} \|v_i - v_j\|^2.$$

Theorem 1 Assume that

$$a_{ij} = \frac{K}{(\sigma^2 + \|x_i - x_j\|^2)^\beta}.$$

Assume also that one of the three following hypothesis hold:

- (i) $\beta < 1/2$,
- (ii) $\beta = 1/2$ and $\Lambda_0 < \frac{K^2}{18k^2}$,
- (iii) $\beta > 1/2$ and

$$\left[\left(\frac{1}{2\beta} \right)^{\frac{1}{2\beta-1}} - \left(\frac{1}{2\beta} \right)^{\frac{2\beta}{2\beta-1}} \right] \left(\frac{K^2}{18k^2\Lambda_0} \right)^{\frac{1}{2\beta-1}} > 2\Gamma_0 + \sigma^2.$$

Then there exists a constant B_0 such that $\Gamma(t) \leq B_0$ for all $t \in \mathbb{R}_+$. In addition, when $t \rightarrow \infty$, $\Lambda(t) \rightarrow 0$ and the vectors $x_i - x_j$ tend to a limit vector $\widehat{x}_{ij}$, for all $i, j \leq k$.

Random Model

G. Tang and L. Guo, “Convergence of a class of multi-agent systems in probabilistic framework,” J. of Sys. Sci. and Complexity, 20 (2007): 173-197.

Model:

$$\begin{cases} \theta(t) = P(t-1)\theta(t-1) \\ x(t) = x(t-1) + vs(\theta(t)) \end{cases}$$

where x is the position, $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$ is the angle, $s(\theta) = (\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$, $P(t-1)$ is the average angle of the whole network at time $t-1$, and v is a constant speed.

Neighborhood:

$$N_k(t) = \{j : \|x_j(t) - x_k(t)\| < r\}, \quad 1 \leq k \leq n$$

where n is the number of nodes in the network and r is the radius of the ball (neighborhood).

Optimization:

$$\min_{j \in N_k(t-1)} (\theta - \theta_j(t-1))^2$$

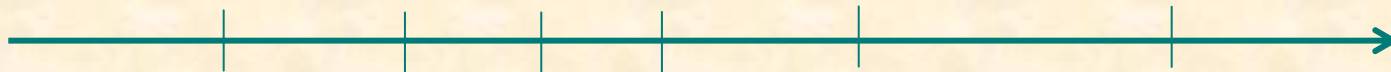
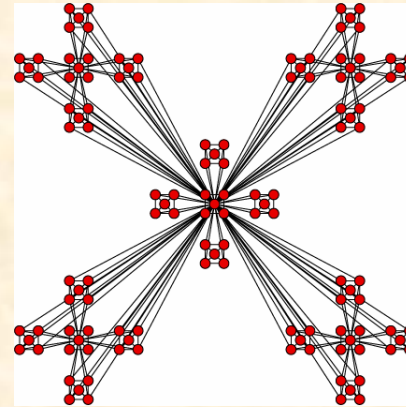
where θ is the target angle.

Theorem: For any given speed $v > 0$, any given radius $r > 0$, and any large enough size n , the network will synchronize with probability no less than $1 - O(n^{-g_n})$, where $g_n = n / \ln^6 n$.

Consensus Protocol

Design a network connection topology, or design local control law, so that $\|x_i - x_j\| \rightarrow 0$ (consensus = synchronization)

Consensus is reached asymptotically **if** there exists an infinite sequence of bounded intervals such that the union of the graphs over such intervals is totally connected.



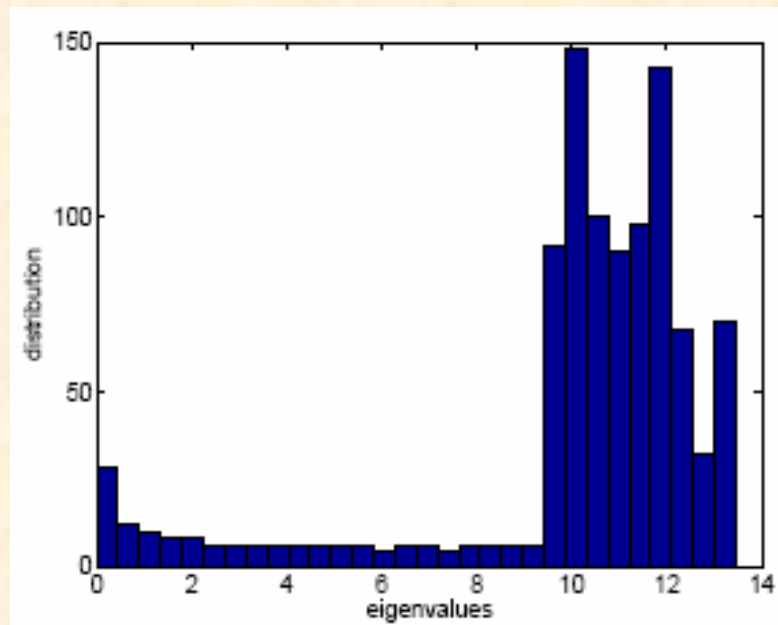
Olfati-Saber, Murray, "Consensus problems in networks of agents with switching topology and time-delays," *IEEE Trans. Auto. Control* 2004, 49(9): 1520-1533

Small-World Networks are better for Consensus

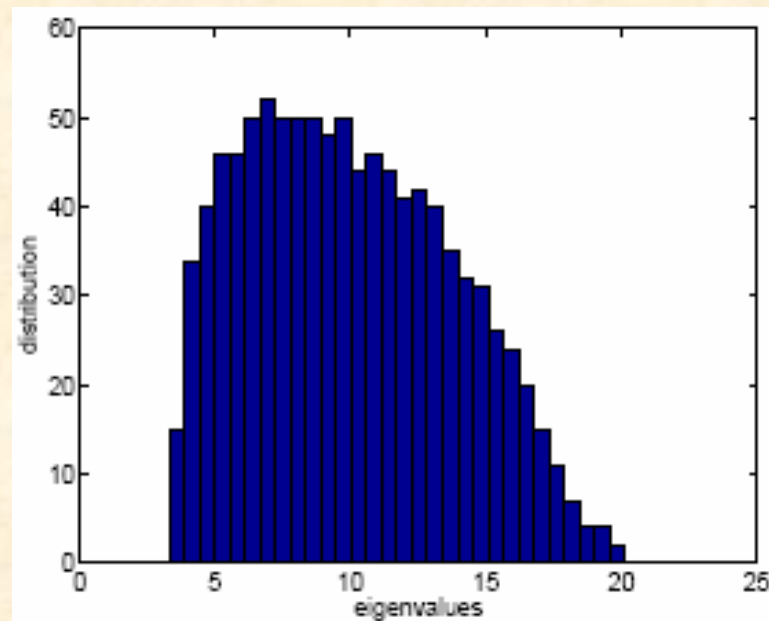
$$\lambda_n / \lambda_2$$

Condition number -- the smaller, the better

Regular networks



Small-world networks



1000 times average

Olfati-Saber, "Ultrafast consensus in small-world networks," Amer. Control Conf., 2005

Flocking



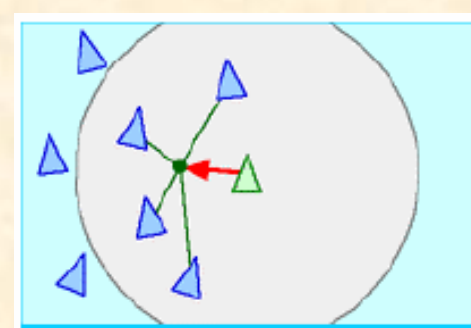
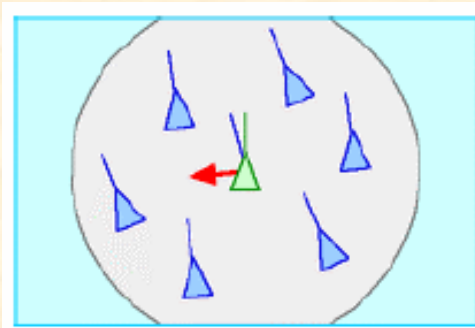
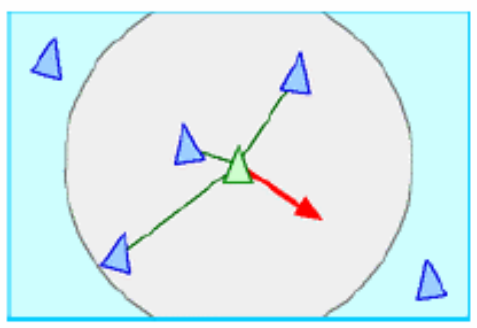
Boids Flocking Model

Three Rules:

Separation: Steer to avoid crowding local flockmates

Alignment: Steer to move toward the average heading of local flockmates

Cohesion: Steer to move toward the average position of local flockmates

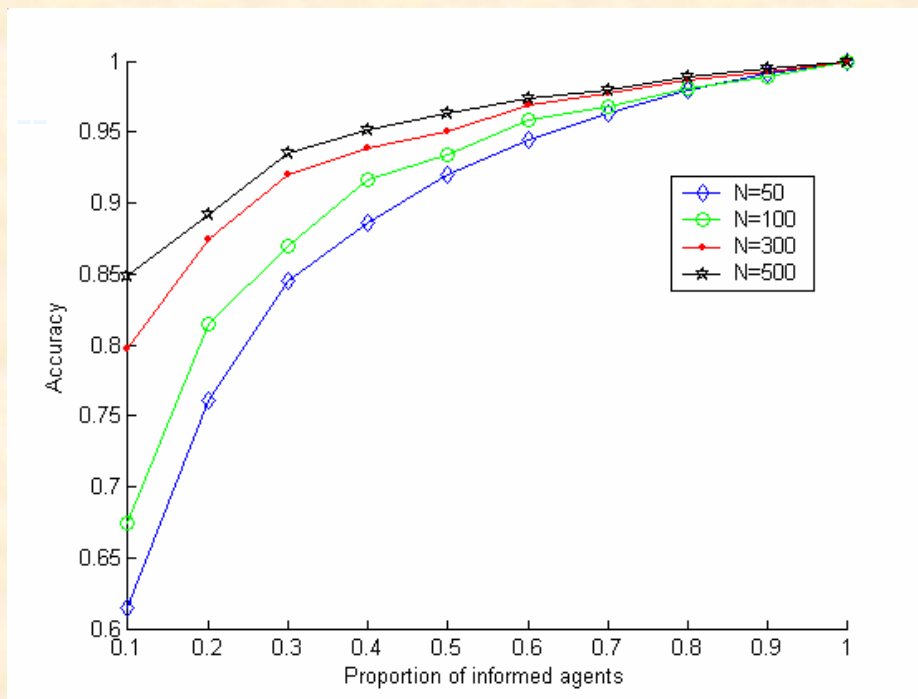


Reynolds, “Flocks, herd, and schools: A distributed behavioral model,”

Computer Graphics, 1987, 21(4): 15-24 <http://www.red3d.com/cwr/boids/>

Flocking: Feedback Control

“The **larger** the group, the **smaller** the portion of agents who need navigational feedback” (H. S. Su, X. F. Wang, *Phys Rev E*, 2007)

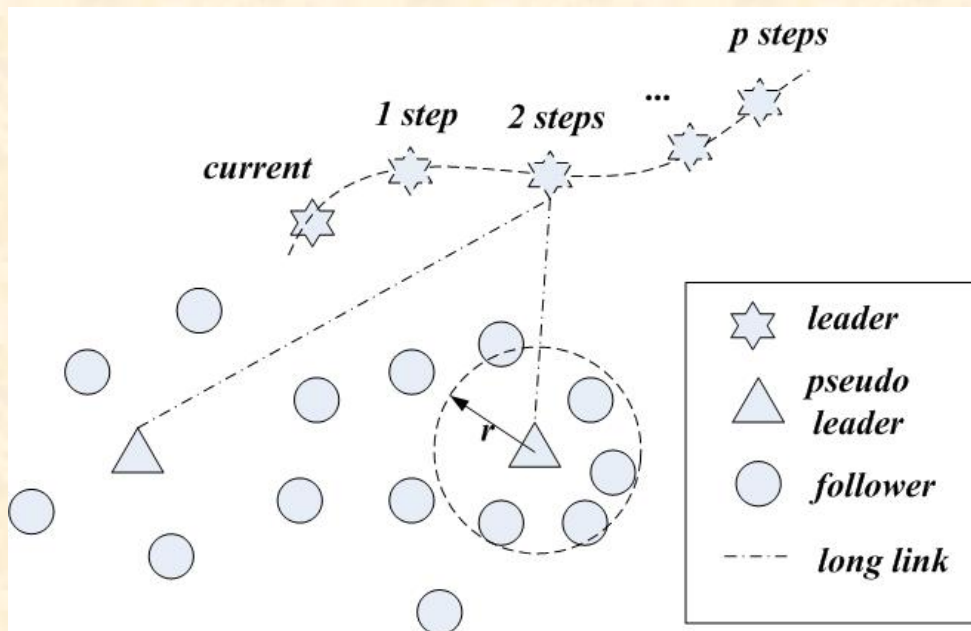


“We reveal that the **larger** the group the **smaller** the proportion of information individuals needed to guide the group”

I. D. Couzin, J. Krause, N. R. Franks, S. A. Levin, *Nature*, Feb. 3, 2005

Flocking: Model Predictive Control

Small-world communication generates “pseudo-leaders”
who control their neighbors

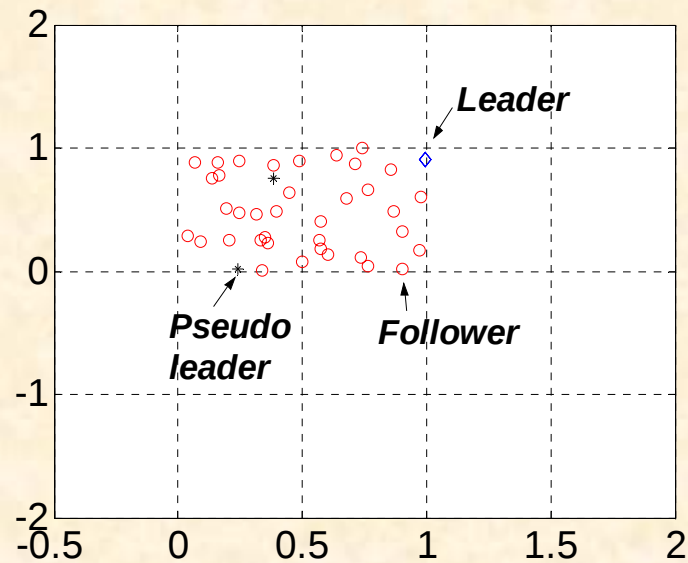


Minimizing:

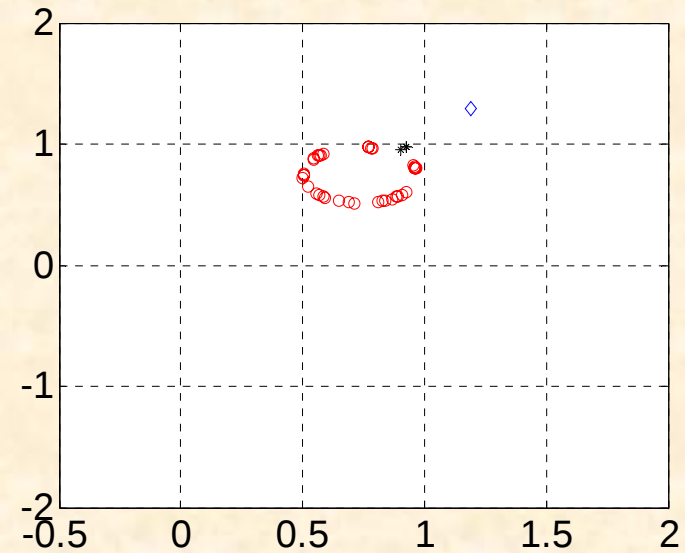
$$(1/N) \sum_{i=1}^N |v_i - v_{leader}|$$

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Flocking: Model Predictive Control



Initial position of the flock

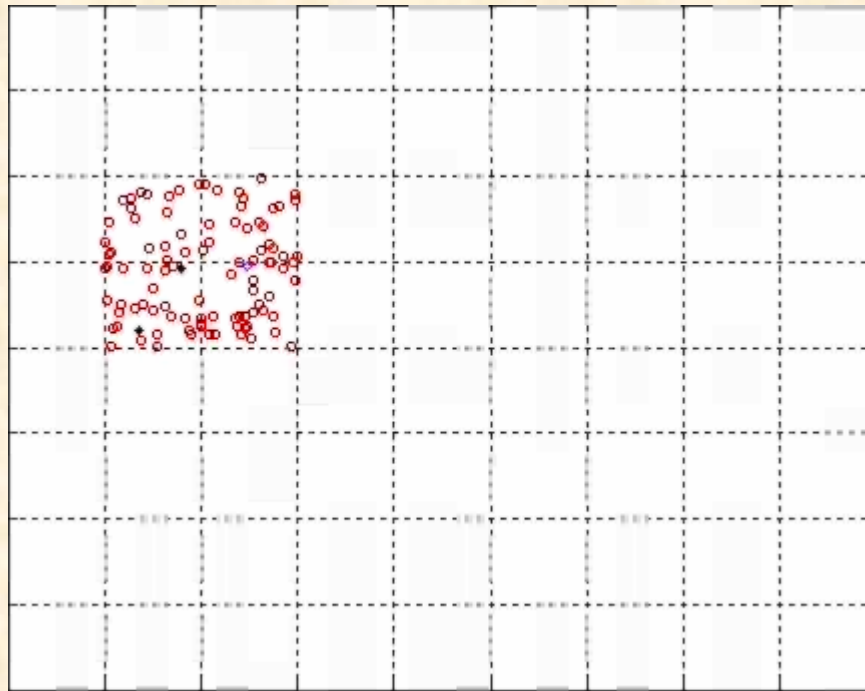


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Flocking: MPC DEMO

Small-world MPC



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Another Flocking Algorithm: DEMO

Time = 23



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