

# Data Science Course

## Understanding swarm behaviour

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# Presentation Overview

- Introductory models: simple speed coupling, couzin model, vicsek model
- Module 1: Effective leadership and decision-making in animal groups on the move (Couzin et al)
- Module 2: Self-Propelled Particles with Soft-Core Interactions: Patterns, Stability, and Collapse (D'Orsogna et al)

# Introductory models (Speed coupling & Vicsek)

**Simple speed coupling:** weighted speed

Particle adapts a fraction of its nearest neighbour's speed

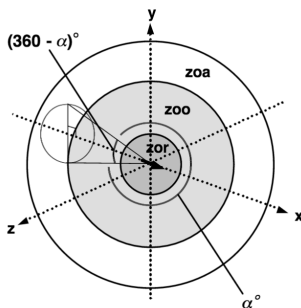
**Vicsek model:** alignment of directions

- introduce interaction zones: repulsion ( $r < R_{rep}$ ) and orientation ( $R_{rep} < r < R_{orient}$ )
- add noise term

# Introductory models (Cousin)

## Cousin model

- different zones of neighbourhoods: repulsion, orientation, attraction



**Figure:** Zone scheme: *zor* = zone of repulsion, *zoo* = zone of orientation, *zoa* = zone of attraction.  $\alpha$  = field of perception

# Module 1: Effective leadership and decision-making in animal groups on the move (Couzin et al): czn2

- introduce a bias: orientation of  $\geq 1$  particle ("scout")
- merge orientation and attraction zone

## THEORY

**New parameters:** bias direction  $\vec{g}$ , weight of bias  $\omega$ , proportion of bias *prop*

**Goal:** Which parameter sets give a nice group movement, and how does the behaviour change when we change the parameters?

**Direction update** in each zone:

$$\mathbf{d}_i(t + \Delta t) = - \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mathbf{c}_j(t) - \mathbf{c}_i(t)}{|\mathbf{c}_j(t) - \mathbf{c}_i(t)|} \quad \mathbf{d}_i(t + \Delta t) = \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mathbf{c}_j(t) - \mathbf{c}_i(t)}{|\mathbf{c}_j(t) - \mathbf{c}_i(t)|} + \sum_{j=1} \frac{\mathbf{v}_j(t)}{|\mathbf{v}_j(t)|}$$
$$\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i'(t + \Delta t) = \frac{\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i(t + \Delta t) + \omega \mathbf{g}_i}{|\hat{\mathbf{d}}_i(t + \Delta t) + \omega \mathbf{g}_i|}$$

with position vector  $\mathbf{c}_i(t)$ , direction vector  $\mathbf{v}_i(t)$

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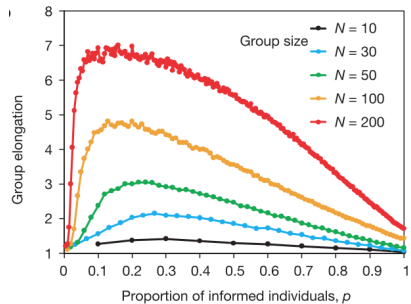
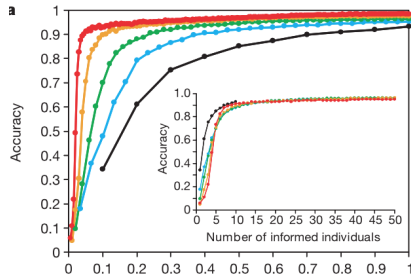
## IMPLEMENTATION

- periodic boundary conditions
- virtual interaction of agents
- explicit Euler method:  $v_{n+1} = v_n + \tau \cdot \frac{dv_n}{dt}$
- $\frac{dv_n}{dt} = s \cdot d_i$  (with  $s$  constant)

## QUANTIFICATION

- Agents dispersion - Did a proper swarm form?
- Accuracy - Do the leaders influence the group?
- Elongation - Does the movement deform the group?

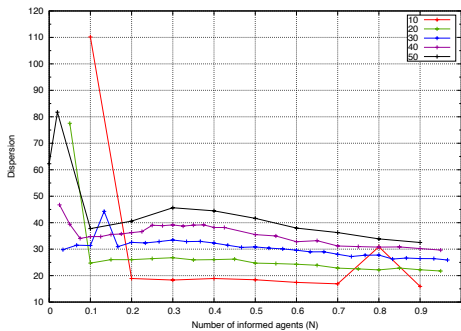
# What to expect





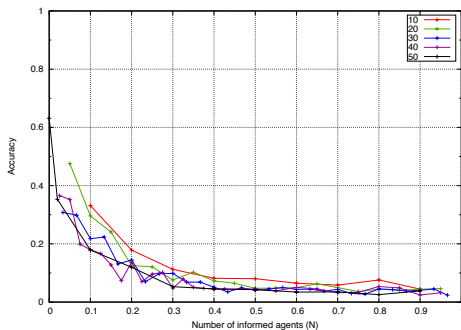
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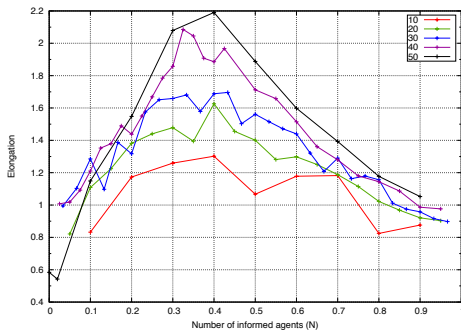
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## Accuracy



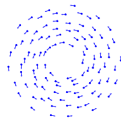
# Effective leadership and decision-making

## Elongation



# Module 2: Self-Propelled Particles with Soft-Core Interactions: Patterns, Stability, and Collapse (D'Orsogna et al)

**Motivation:** Simulate multiagent interaction under a model which shows **milling** behaviour  
(observed in *M. xanthus* cells)



The model consists of:

- self-propulsion ( $\alpha$ )
- friction ( $\beta$ )
- interaction between particles: repulsion and attraction ( $\vec{\nabla} U$ )

## Module 2: Self-Propelled Particles with Soft-Core Interactions: Patterns, Stability, and Collapse (D'Orsogna et al)

Consider  $N$  interacting, self-propelled particles governed by the following equations of motion

$$F = m \frac{d\vec{v}_i}{dt} = (\alpha - \beta |\vec{v}_i|^2) \vec{v}_i - \vec{\nabla}_i U(\vec{x}_i) \quad (1)$$

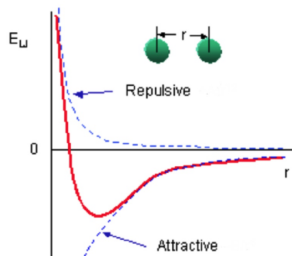
where  $U$  is a pairwise interaction potential and  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  are values for propulsion and friction forces.

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For  $U$  we choose the *Morse potential*

$$U(\vec{x}_i) = \sum_{j \neq i} \left[ \underbrace{-C_a e^{-|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j|/l_a}}_{\text{attraction}} + \underbrace{C_r e^{-|\vec{x}_i - \vec{x}_j|/l_r}}_{\text{repulsion}} \right] \quad (2)$$

where  $C_a$ ,  $C_r$  denote attractive and repulsive strengths and  $l_a$ ,  $l_r$  their respective length scales.



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## IMPLEMENTATION

- rigid boundary conditions (no virtual interactions)
- initial conditions of random distribution
- explicit Euler method:  $\vec{v}_{n+1} = \vec{v}_n + \frac{d\vec{v}_n}{dt} \cdot \tau$
- $\frac{d\vec{v}_n}{dt} = \frac{1}{m}(\text{propulsion} - \text{friction} - \vec{\nabla} U)$

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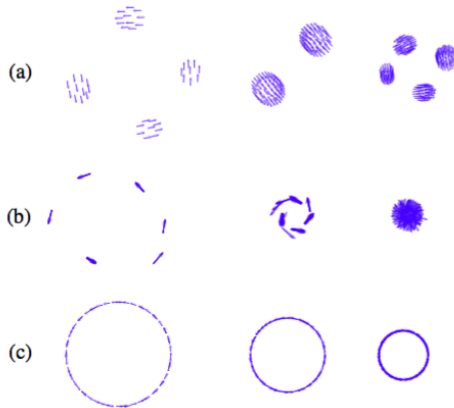
## **SIMULATION**

Milling Ring formed out of proper choice of parameters



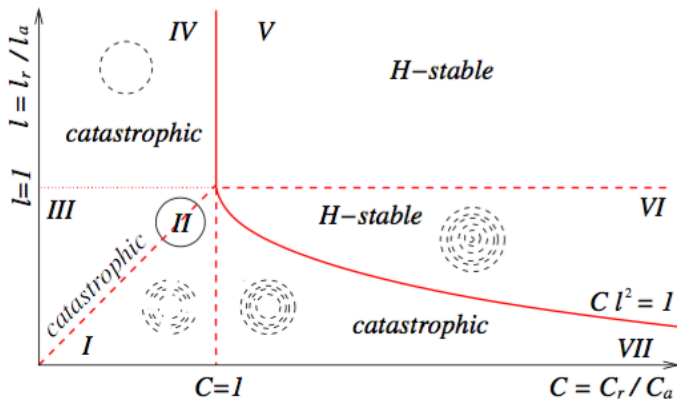
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(D'Orsogna et al)



**Figure:** Catastrophic geometry.  
(a) Clumps. (b) Ring Clumping. (c) Rings.

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**Figure:** H-stability phase diagram of the Morse potential

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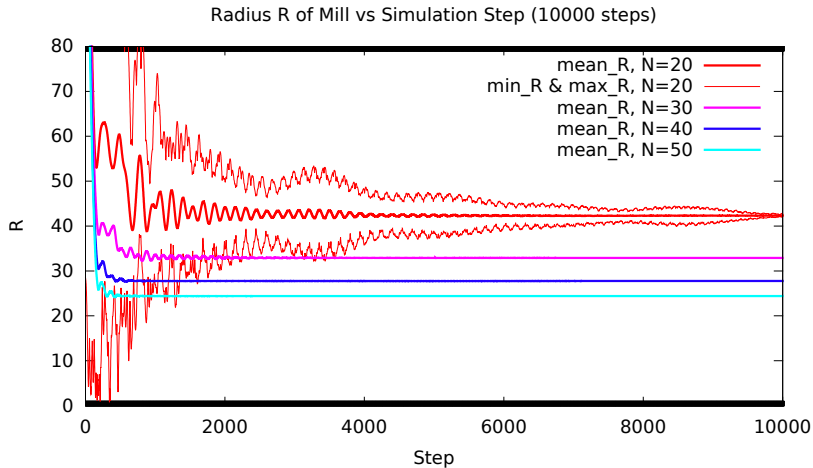
Region I, Region IV, Region VI, Region VII

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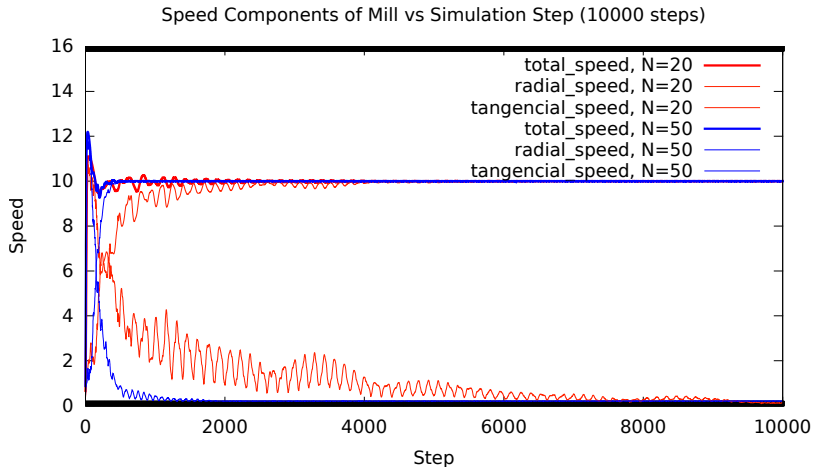
## QUANTIFICATION (Goals of Observation)

- Parameter Sets for different Stability Regions
- Confirming Ring formation:
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# Quantification `mill` (Region II: Convergence to Ring)



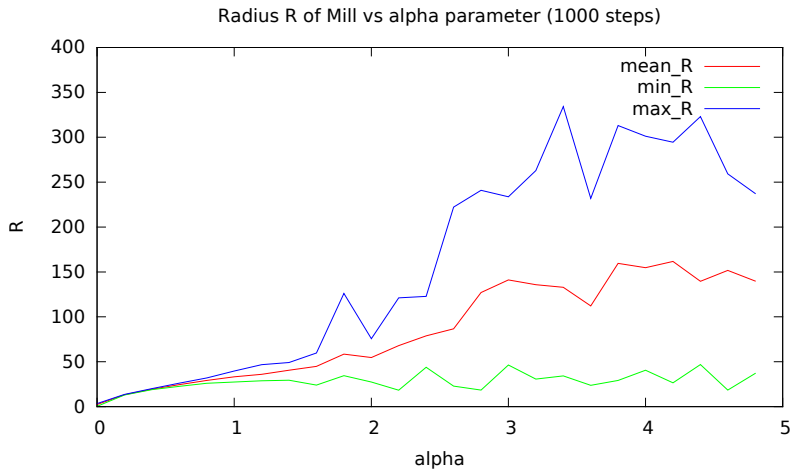
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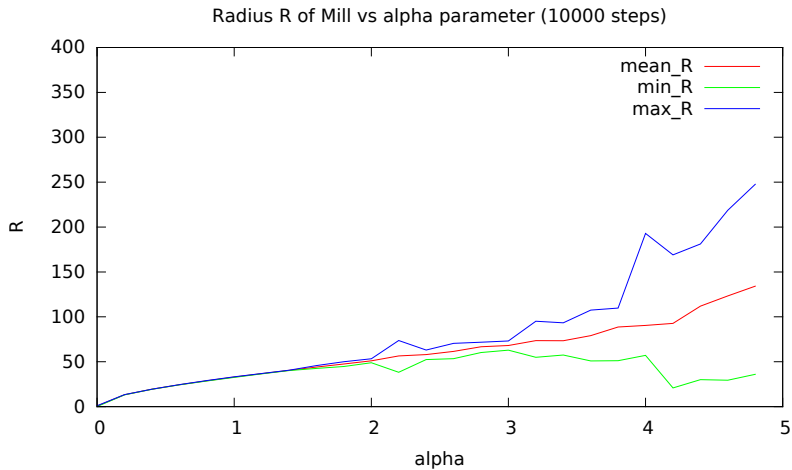
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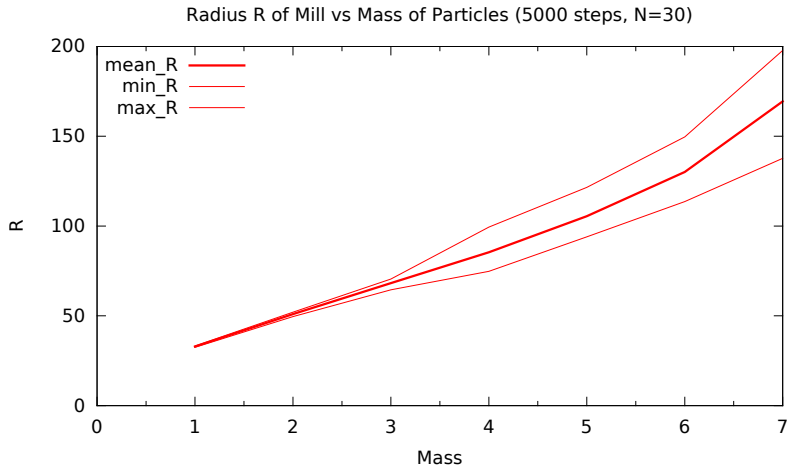




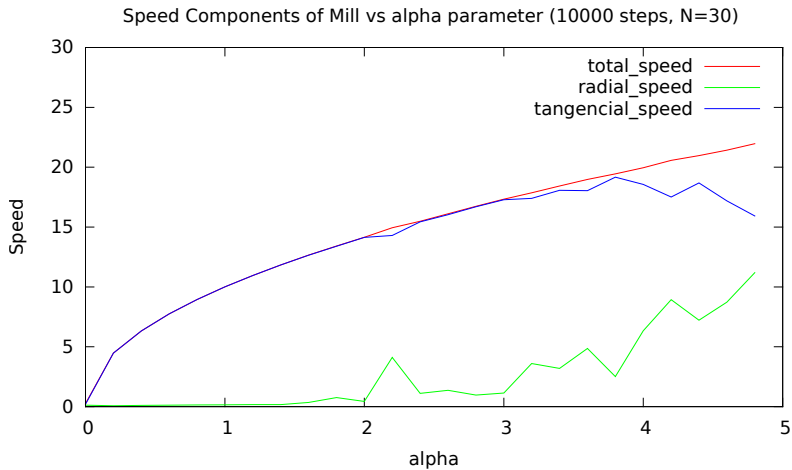
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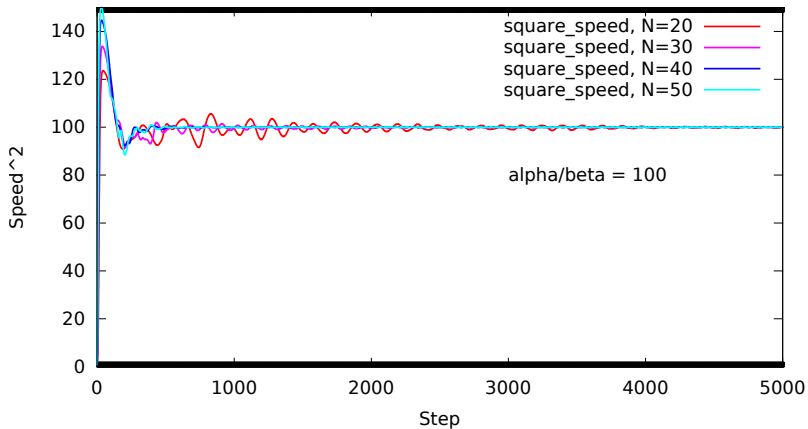


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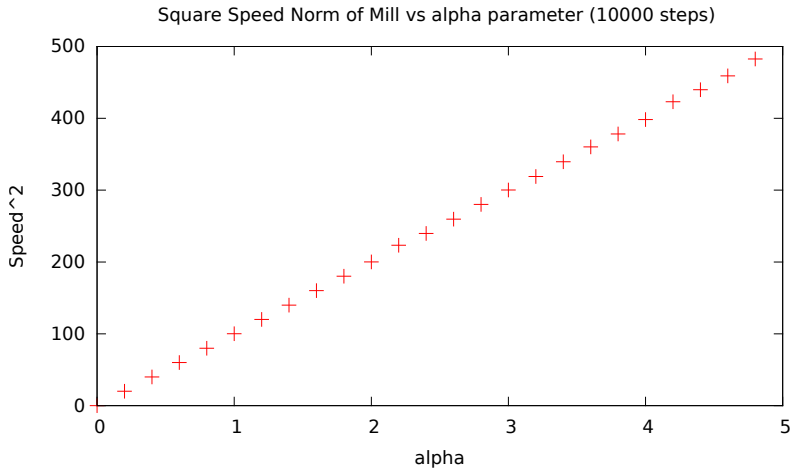
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Square Speed Norm of Mill vs Simulation Step (10000 steps)



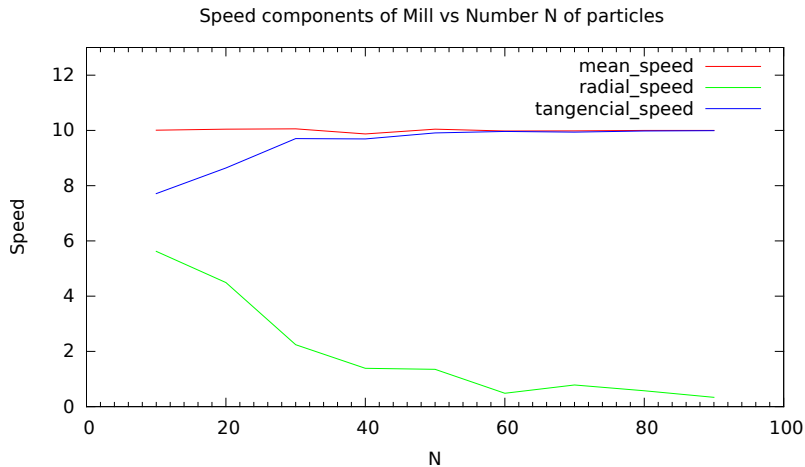
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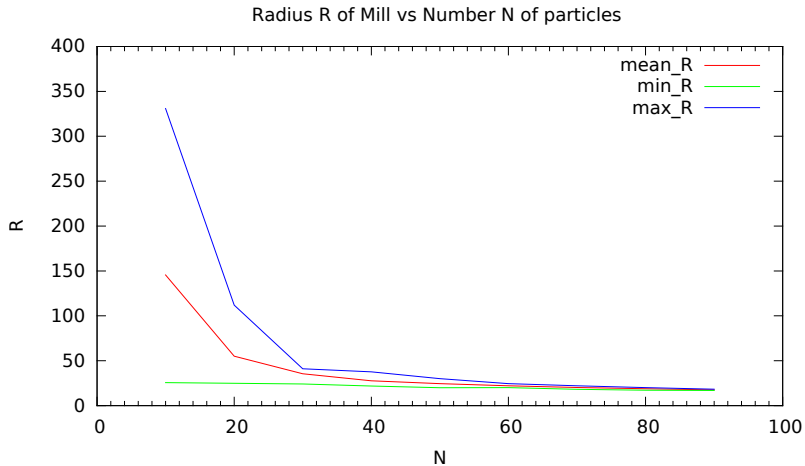
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- influence of increasing  $N$

# Quantification `mill` (Region II: influence of N)





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# Quantification `mill` ( Region VII: Torus Ring)

