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Active Motion and Coherent Motion of Brownian Particles

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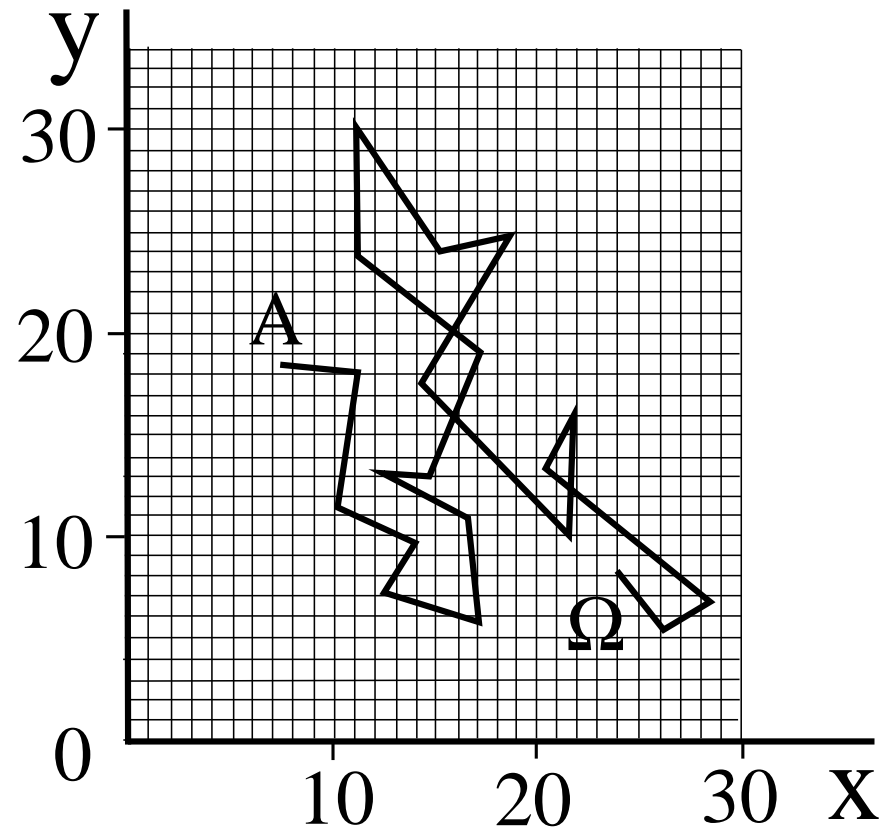
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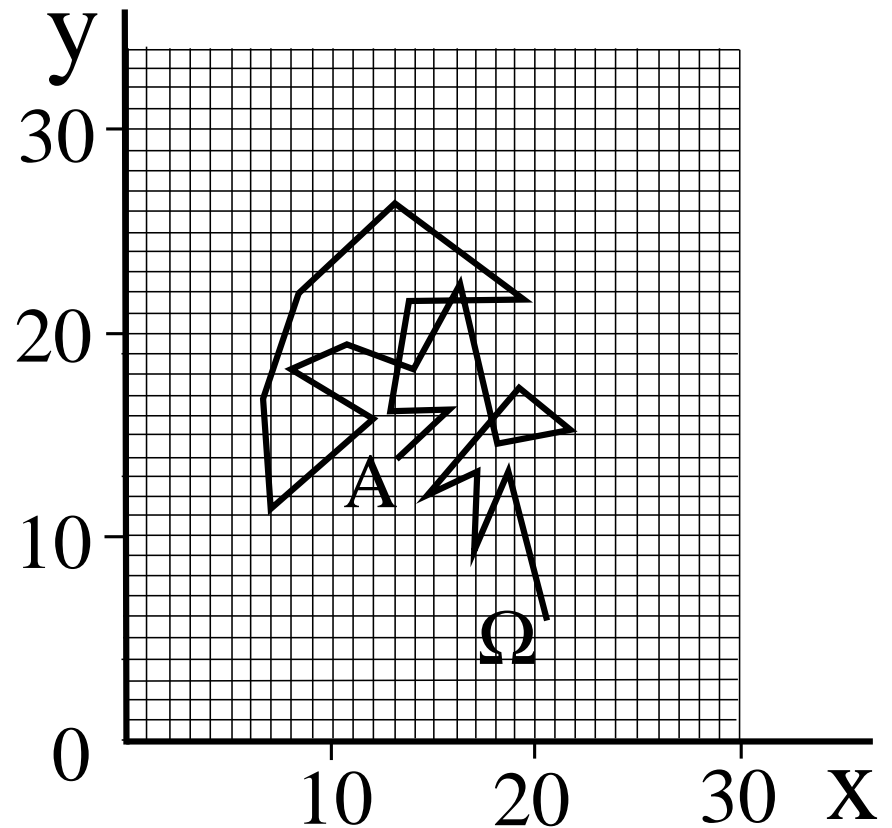
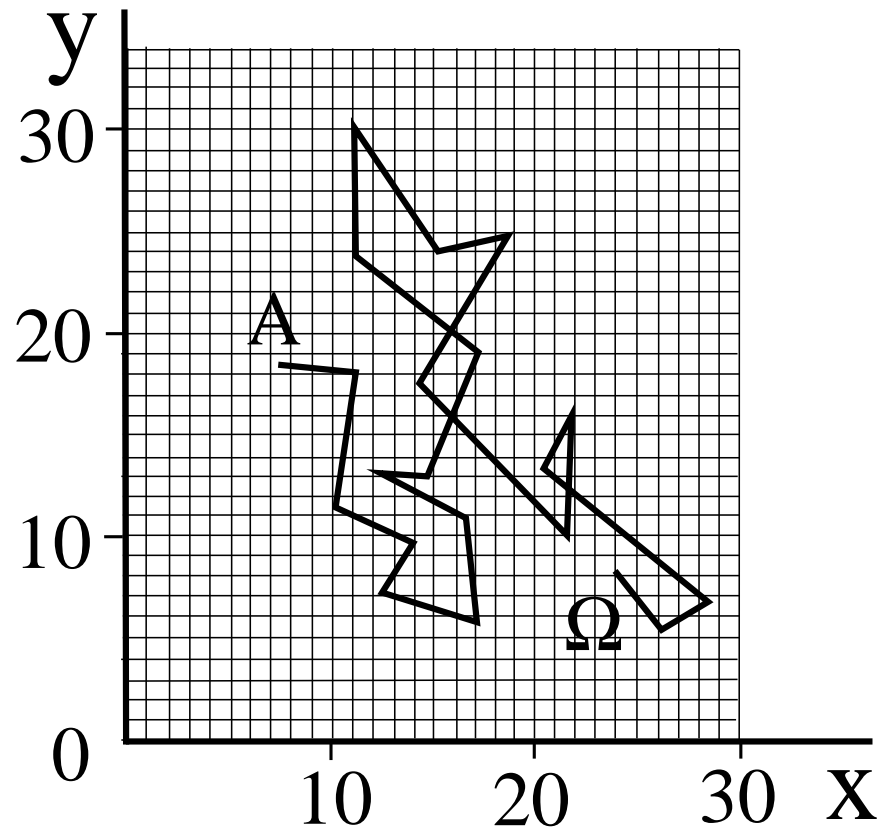
Schedule

1. Passive vs. Active Motion
2. Model of Active Brownian Particles
3. Motion under Energy Consumption
4. Coherent Motion of Interacting Particles
5. Conclusions

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The position of the Brownian particle (radius $0.4 \mu\text{m}$) is documented on a millimeter grid in time intervals $t_0 = 30$ seconds.

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(2) *directed motion:*

driven by convection, currents, external fields

active motion:

- ▶ requires energy
 - physico-chemical systems: particles produce gradients
 - biological systems: metabolism, activities
 - traffic systems: cars need to be fueled
- ⇒ *open system*: energy consumption, conversion
- ▶ self-driven particles, self-propelled particles:
focus on interaction (swarms, crowds, ...)

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(2) How can we turn *undirected* into *directed* motion?

- *deterministic* influences (intended direction of motion)
- *stochastic* influences (random events)
- *collective* interdependencies (coherent motion)

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- ▶ *internal energy depot* $e(t)$

$$\frac{d}{dt}e(t) = q(\mathbf{r}) - c e(t) - s - \eta(v^2) d_2 v^2 e(t)$$

- $q(r)$: take-up of energy from the environment
- c : internal dissipation (“metabolism”)
- s : environmental changes (generation of $h(\mathbf{r}, t)$)
- acceleration: conversion rate d_2 , efficiency $\eta(v^2)$

Equation of motion:

Langevin-type equation:

$$\dot{\mathbf{v}} = -\gamma_0 \mathbf{v} - \frac{1}{m} \nabla [U(\mathbf{r}) - h(\mathbf{r}, t)] + \eta(v^2) d_2 e(t) \mathbf{v} + \sqrt{2D} \boldsymbol{\xi}(t)$$

considers:

- stochastic influences (D)
- spatial differences in $h(\mathbf{r}, t)$ (“signal-response-behavior”)
- dissipation / acceleration of motion

Non-linear Friction Function

assumptions: $q(\mathbf{r}) \equiv q_0$; $\eta(v^2) \equiv 1$; $s \equiv 0$

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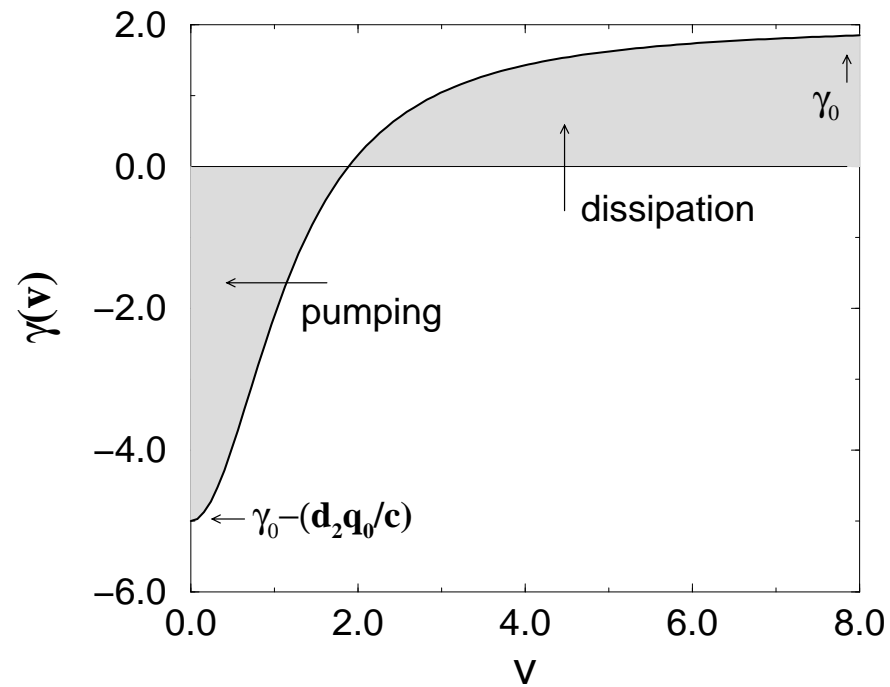
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quasistationary energy depot: $\dot{e}(t) = 0$

$$e_0 = \frac{q_0}{c + d_2 v^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \gamma(\mathbf{v}) = \gamma_0 - \frac{q_0 d_2}{c + d_2 v^2}$$

zero:

$$v_0^2 = \frac{q_0}{\gamma_0} - \frac{c}{d_2}$$



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stationary solution: $\dot{p}(\mathbf{v}, t) = 0$

$$p^0(\mathbf{v}) = C' (c + d_2 v^2)^{q_0/2D} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\gamma_0}{2D} v^2 \right\}$$

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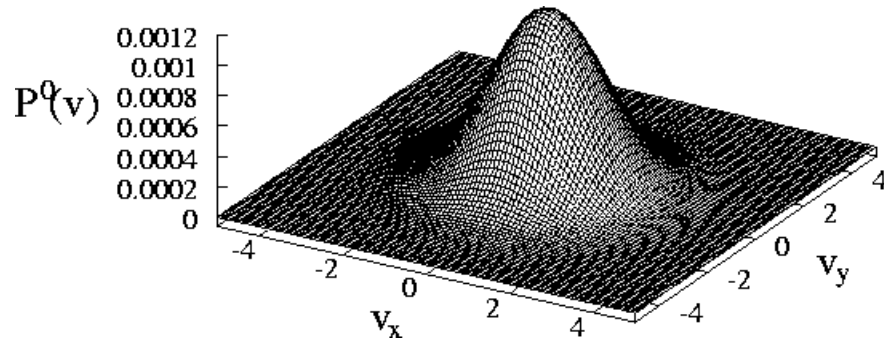
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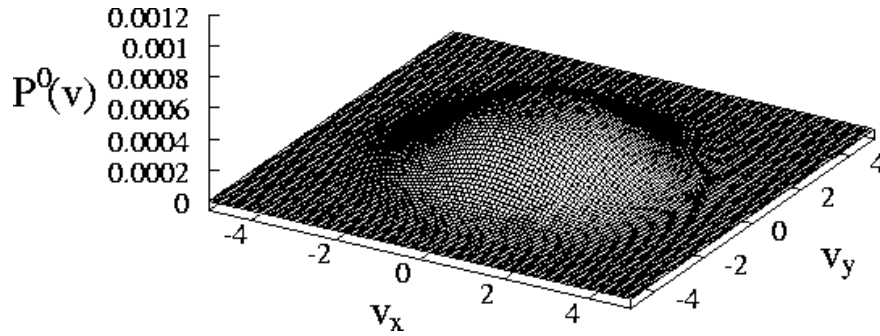
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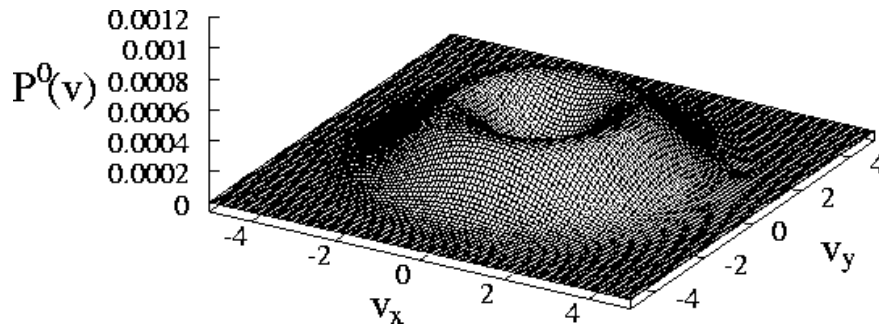
\Rightarrow crater-like distribution



$$d_2 = 0.07$$



$$d_2 = 0.2$$

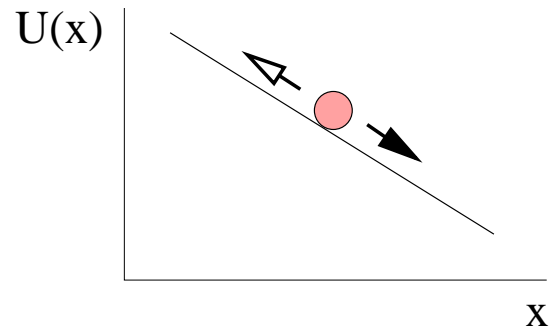


$$d_2 = 0.7$$

Normalized stationary solution $p^0(\mathbf{v})$, $\gamma_0 = 2$, $D = 2$, $c = 1$, $q_0 = 10$.

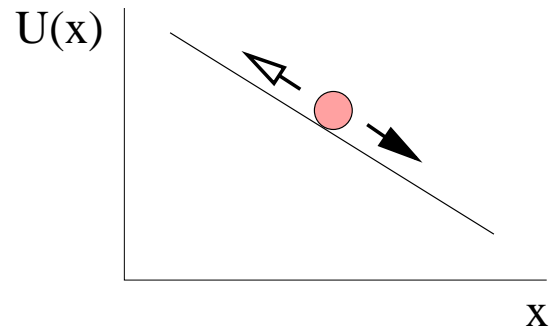
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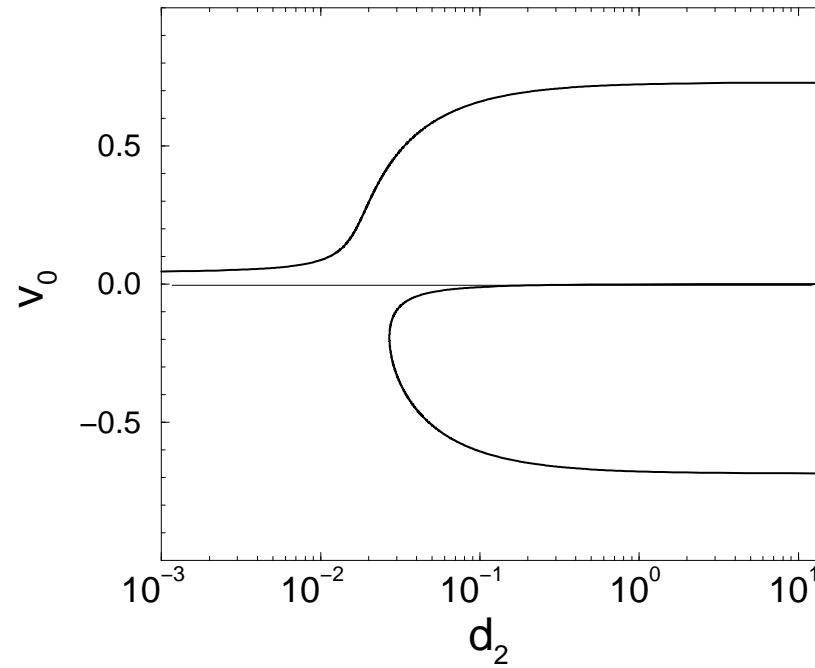
stationary solutions: ($D = 0$)

$$\mathbf{v}_0 = \frac{\mathbf{F}}{\gamma_0 - d_2 e_0} \quad ; \quad e_0 = \frac{q_0}{c + d_2 \mathbf{v}_0^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow [d_2\gamma_0\mathbf{v}_0^2 - d_2\mathbf{F}v_0 - (q_0d_2 - c\gamma_0)] \mathbf{v}_0 = c\mathbf{F}$$

- ▶ always existing: $\mathbf{v}_0(\mathbf{x}) \sim \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{x})$
 \Rightarrow analytic continuation of Stokes' law: $\mathbf{v}_0 = \mathbf{F}/\gamma_0$
- ▶ subcritical supply of energy:
 \Rightarrow *passive* motion driven by \mathbf{F}
- ▶ supercritical supply of energy: 3 solutions
 \Rightarrow “high velocity” or *active* mode of motion
 \Rightarrow motion *in* or *against* the direction of \mathbf{F}

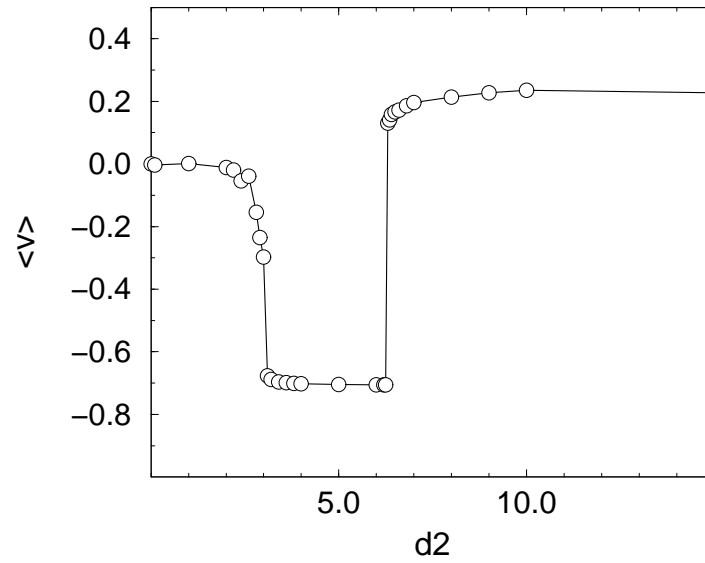
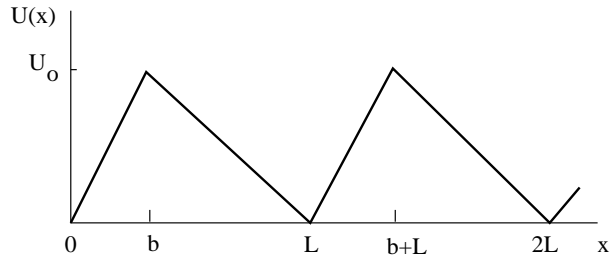
bifurcation diagram:



stability analysis \Rightarrow *stable* uphill motion ($c \rightarrow 0$):

$$d_2^{crit} = \frac{F^4}{8q_0^3} \left(1 + \sqrt{1 + \frac{4\gamma_0 q_0}{F^2}} \right)^3$$

Motion in a Ratchet Potential



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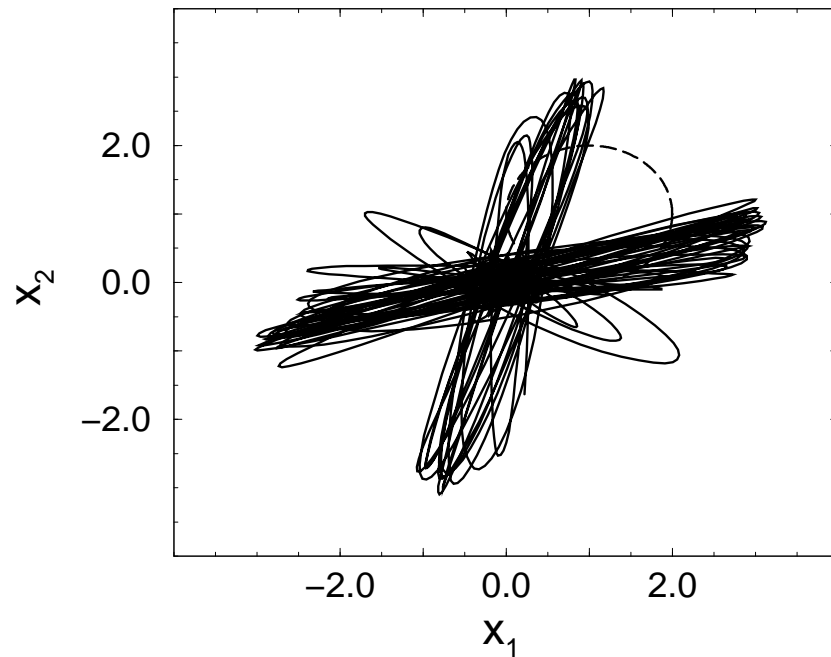
Localized Energy Sources

- ▶ two-dimensional parabolic potential:

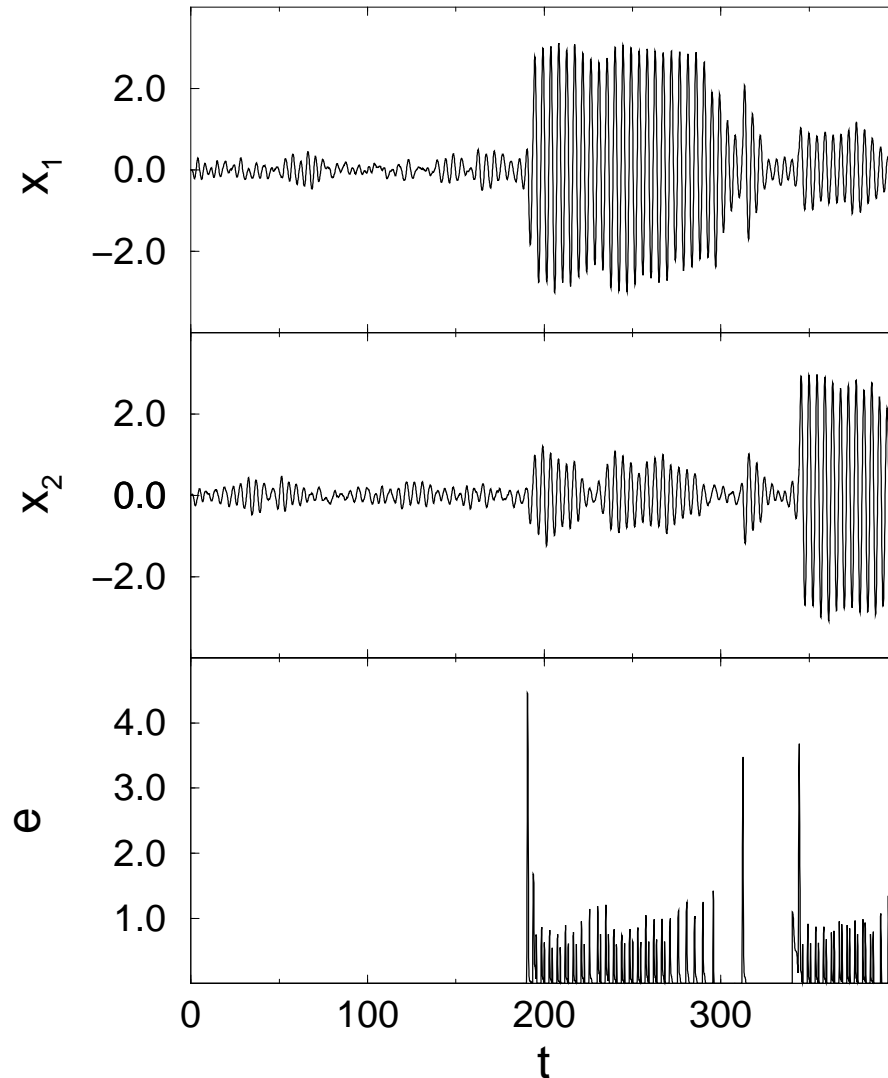
$$U(x_1, x_2) = \frac{a}{2}(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$$

- ▶ take-up of energy in a restricted area:

$$q(x_1, x_2) = \begin{cases} q_0 & \text{if } [(x_1 - b_1)^2 + (x_2 - b_2)^2] \leq R^2 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



- ▶ motion into the energy area becomes accelerated
- ▶ oscillatory movement with fixed direction



- ▶ intermittent type of motion:
active \iff *passive*
- ▶ new cycles start with a burst of energy
- ▶ increase in d_2
abridges the cycle \Rightarrow
directed motion more
susceptible to
become Brownian
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result: coherent motion with slow spatial dispersion

- ▶ for $q_0 d_2 > \gamma_0 c$: two stochastic limit cycles
(left- and righthand rotation)
- ▶
$$v_1^2 + v_2^2 = \mathbf{v}_0^2 = \frac{q_0}{\gamma_0} - \frac{c}{d_2} = \text{const.}$$
- ▶
$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = r_0^2 = \frac{v_0^2}{a} = \text{const.}$$

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example: reaction-diffusion dynamics

$$\frac{dh(\mathbf{r}, t)}{dt} = s \sum_{i=1}^N \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i(t)) - k_0 h(\mathbf{r}, t) + D_0 \Delta h(\mathbf{r}, t)$$

- ▶ non-linear feedback: Langevin dynamics

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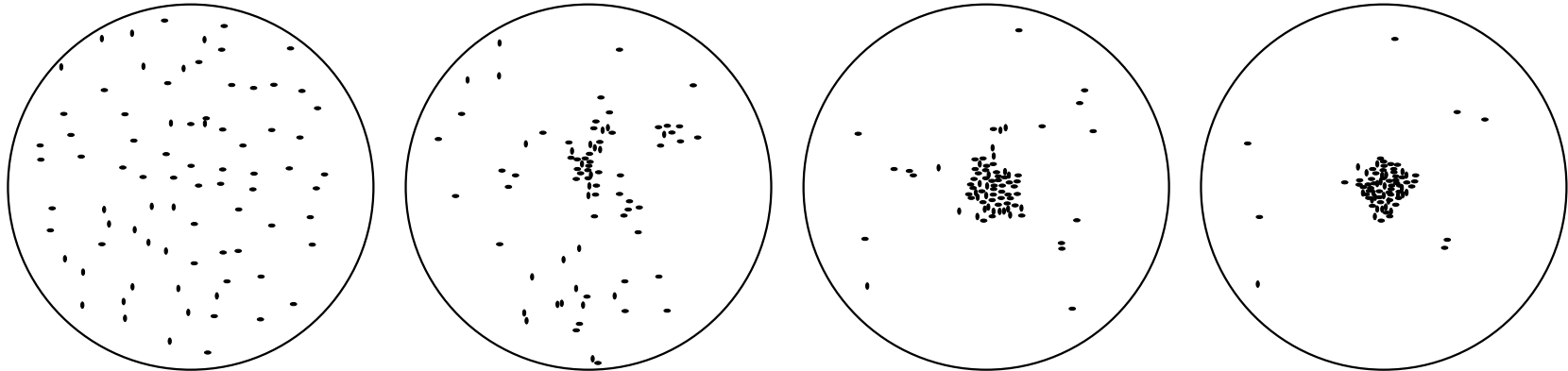
for $U(\mathbf{r}) = \text{const.}$, $d_2 \equiv 0$

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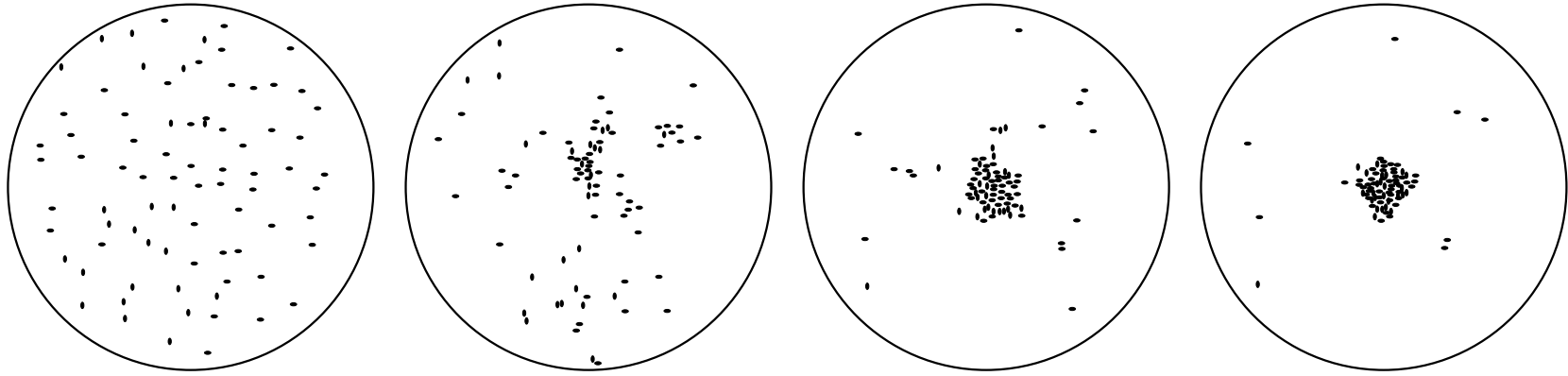


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- ▶ two-component field

$$\frac{dh_\theta(\mathbf{r}, t)}{dt} = -k_\theta h_\theta(\mathbf{r}, t) + \sum_{i=1}^N q_i(\theta_i, t) \delta(\theta - \theta_i(t)) \delta(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}_i(t))$$

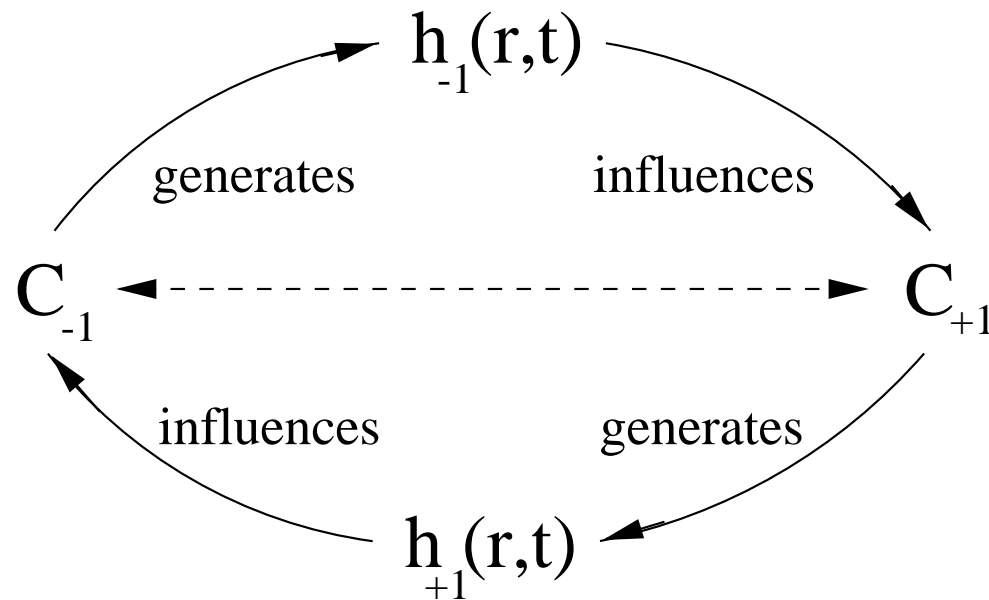
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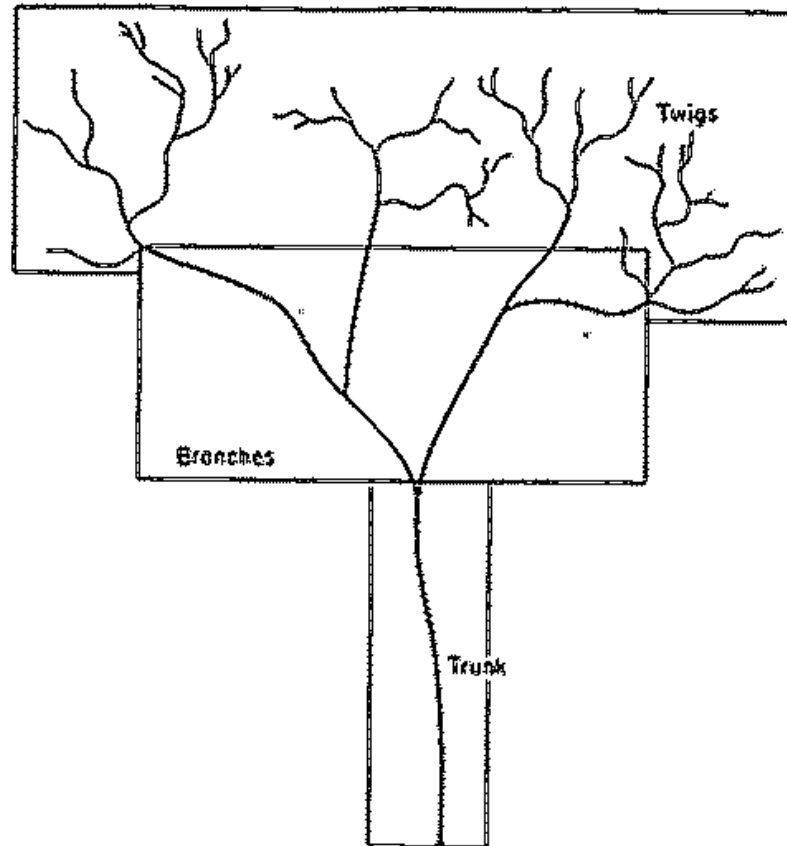
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- self-assembling of networks:
particles responding to two different fields, link nodes with opposite potential

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Foraging Route of Ants (*Pheidole milicida*)



Schematic representation of the complete foraging route of *Pheidole milicida*, a harvesting ant of the southwestern U.S. deserts. Each day tens of thousands of workers move out to the dendritic trail system, disperse singly, and forage for food.

Hölldobler, B. and Möglich, M.: The foraging system of *Pheidole militica* (Hymenoptera: Formicidae), *Insectes Sociaux* **27/3** (1980) 237-264

Conclusions

Model of Active Brownian Particles:

covers important features of biological motion

- ▶ take-up, storage and conversion of energy
- ▶ dissipation / metabolism
- ▶ active motion (acceleration)
- ▶ interaction with other particles / environment
- ▶ deterministic / stochastic influences

Examples:

- non-equilibrium velocity distribution
- uphill motion and directed transport
- intermittent (active/passive) “behavior” in the presence of localized energy sources
- coherent motion (“swarming”)
- directed motion (“foraging behavior”)

Advantages:

- ▶ particle-based stochastic approach to complex motion and interactive structure formation
- ▶ gradual transition from “physical” to “biological” phenomena
- ▶ can be extended towards biological Multi-Agent Systems:
example: information exchange in biological “many-particle” systems