

*Dynamics of Crowd-minds: Patterns of Irrationality in Emotions, Beliefs And Actions (World Scientific Series On Nonlinear Science: Series A) [Andrew Adamatzky] on www.enganchecubano.com \*FREE\* shipping on qualifying offers.*

Chapter 1 Crowding Minds In the book we exploit paradigms of non-linear psychology, artificial life and sociodynamics to simulate, analyze and characterize spatio-temporal dynamics of massive pools of mental entities, i. In principle these postulates should be derived from the equations of the mathematical biology of the central nervous system" [Rashevsky ]. This idea was developed half-a-century later in physics-based approaches to sociology and collective intelligence. Results in pedestrian dynamics give us a good example of how social systems can be interpreted in physical terms. Thus, Helbing [Helbing ; Helbing et. As Moscovici wrote 1 2 Dynamics of Crowd-Minds "Physicists began to speak of crowds of molecules and to refer to such phenomena as mass phenomena. Thus we find the "same" atomization in nature and in society, a social image of "crowds" common to various branches of learning, a similar concern for a "science of confusion". For this is indeed a physics of confusion since all physical systems, all gases, tend towards confusion when the activity of some power is transformed into heat" [Moscovici ]. Attractive analogies between reaction-diffusion, morphogenesis and pattern formation in social insect societies are made in [Bonabeau ; Bonabeau et. Dynamics of opinion formation [Kacperski and Holyst ; Plewczynski ] is another field where techniques of nonlinear physics are flourishing. As is reasonably highlighted in [Plewczynski ], classical mathematical models of individual attitude change lead to entire uniformity of opinions in a collective of many persons as in the case of a majority classification problem or voting. These models assume, sometimes implicitly, global interaction between the individuals, as in stirred solutions of reagents. Unfortunately, such situations quite rarely occur in the real world, which is ambiguous, uncertain and contradictory see also [Axelrod ; Axelrod ]. New generations of models represent space-time dynamics of individual opinions. The models consider evolution towards stable clusters of individuals, who share minority opinions [Plewczynski ]. Thus, for example, Plewczynski [Plewczynski ] describes the social changes in a collective, with lattice topology, of individuals by a nonlinear Schrodinger equation by analogy with a superfluid and a weakly interacting Bose gas in an external potential. The approach proved to be fruitful not only in dynamics of opinions [Kacperski and Holyst ; Plewczynski ] but also in attitude change [Nowak et. Studies of dynamics of excitation in a stadium give us probably the most impressive examples of physics-based interpretation of crowd dynamics. Further, the local behavior of participants can be interpreted in terms of a chemically Crowding Minds 3 excitable medium with the following reaction set [Nagatami ]: Refractory  $\leftrightarrow$  Other examples of physics of mentality include the Hameroff-Penrose theory of consciousness based on dynamics of quantum coherent superpositions [Hameroff ; Hameroff et. The non-linear physics approaches are reinforced by automaton-based computational techniques, exemplified by cellular-automaton models of artificial societies and emergence of societal structure in collectives of simple agents [Epstein and Axtell ; Gilbert and Conte ] and populations of interacting finite automata [Axelrod ; Doran ; Jager et. These and other results in physical interpretation of collective dynamics in groups, crowds and societies led to the formation of the new discipline of sociophysics [Helbing b ; Weidlich ; Stauffer and Kulakowski ], with the first dedicated conference held in [Sociophysics ]. In his overview of sociophysics [Stauffer ], Stauffer mentions pioneering results on a physics-based approach to social dynamics, which include dynamics of social segregation [Schelling ], social imitation and opinion formation [Callen and Shapero ]. We also refer to early papers on physics-based market analysis [Beckman ] in this particular paper the term "social physics" is introduced explicitly. More recent fields developed in sociophysics include social percolation [Proykova and Stauffer ; Goldenberg et. Battlefield simulation is yet another emerging field of sociophysics; a brilliant overview is provided by Ilachinski [ilachinski ]. Some analogs between chemical and physical instabilities and dynamics of combatant masses can be found in [Clements and Hughes ]. There mathematical modeling of the Battle of Agincourt [Clements and Hughes ] shows that instability of the battle front led to loss of the French and Burgundian army in favor of the English army: Foundations of non-linear analysis of social and psychological systems were laid in

[Abraham and Gilgen ; Guastello ; Vallacher and Nowak ], and a mathematical analysis of consciousness see e. Amongst pioneering works, we also mention mathematical models of emotions [Lettvin and Pitts ; Colby and Gilbert ] and a cybernetic model of persecutory delusions [Melges and Fougerousse ]. Conflicting facts of experience are discounted and denied by all the cunning of an insatiable, unconscious will. The fiction then gets itself substituted for the true facts of experience; the individual has "lost the function of the real". He no longer admits its disturbing elements as correctives. He has become mentally unadjusted "pathological" [Martin ]. Why are crowds more interesting than groups? Smelser outlines three basic differences between small groups and collectives [Smelser ]: In contrast to groups, see e. Crowds are unique phenomena, whose studies may bring impressive results and fruitful discoveries. This is because the behavior of each person in a crowd can be reduced to a level of an abstract finite machine - due to the deindividuation process, and spatio-temporal dynamics of crowds may expose non-trivial modes and regimes "due to irrationality of crowd global behavior. This is why a crowd psychology is sometimes attributed to a "science of the irrational" [Moscovici ]. A derationalization "when an individual joins a crowd he loses his rationality [Graumann ] happens because of deindividuation. Why do people behave in crowds differently? Possible processes involved in deindividuation and irrationalization are listed in [Marx and McAdam ]: In the book we follow the idea of "pre-experimentalists" of group mind theory, by classification in [Turner ], including Le Bon [Le Bon ], Freud [Freud ] and McDougall [McDougall ], who explained unique features of crowds by three processes [Turner ]: Deindividuation leads to automatic, delusive and irrational behavior. In Zimbardo [Zimbardo ] outlined basic precedents for deindividuation: In certain cases deindividuation caused by crowding arousal, diffused responsibility and reduced self-awareness may result in disinhibited and sometimes violent behavior [Prentice-Dunn and Rofers ]: But whereas with the paranoid the murderous hostility remains for the greater part an unconscious "wish fancy", and it is the mechanisms which disguise it or serve as a defense against it which appear to consciousness, with the crowd the murder-wish will itself appear to consciousness whenever the unconscious can fabricate such defense mechanisms as will provide it with a fiction of moral justification" [Martin ]. Deindividuation could also be considered as a defense against a threatening environment, as opposed to individuation desirable in a supportive social climate [Ziller ; Zimbardo ]. Crowds are also irrational because changes in emotional arousal in crowds lead to derationalization [Kaufman ]: Changing attitudes may be another reason for irrationality: The deeds of crowd members are not rationally controlled, because the thought process in crowds is used only to serve the prepotent interests, not to direct them Association between a crowd and abnormality was also highlighted by Freud in his work on group psychology and the ego [Graumann ]. In the finality of his crowd-faith there is escape from responsibility and further search. He is willing to be commanded. He is a child again. He has transferred his repressed infantilism from the lost family circle to the crowd. There is a very real sense in which the crowd stands to his emotional life in loco parentis? Crowd-minds are also seen as substrates of unconsciousness: Once transformed into formulae, images, and similes they cease to be part of the conscious mind and enter the realm of the unconscious. Derationalized by passion, deactualized by memory, ideas and purposes are reborn as irrational beliefs and symbols" [Moscovici ]. Adopting an automaton approach we consider agents, affective and doxastic entities, as minimalist structures, atoms of emotions and cognition. Several attempts to build a framework of knowledge and belief automata have been successfully made before; see e. Emergent properties of automata networks were considered to be a possible tool to manage uncertainty; see [Ligomenidas ]. One of recent examples of how someone can use finite automata when dealing with terminological representational languages is given in [Baader ]. A cellularautomata-based interpretation of knowledge, belief and action distributed among agents is proposed in [Adamatzky b ; Adamatzky b ; Adamatzky c ; Adamatzky a ; Adamatzky ]; there problems of the approximation, or reconstruction, of functions of local evolution of epistemic, doxastic and action components from the given set of global configurations of mental states are discussed. Automaton models were already proved to be successful models of artificial collectives in the s when discrete spaces of finite-state machines were employed to imitate social segregation see [Hegselmann and Flache Crowding Minds 9 ] ; in the s chains of finite and locally interacting automata were studied in a context of game theory see [Tsetlin ]. A recent boost in automaton models of social

behavior is due to development of paradigms of artificial societies [Epstein and Axtell ], particularly automata models of growing societies [Gilbert and Conte ] and populations of finite automata [Axelrod ; Doran ], social impact on opinion formation [Nowak et. Hereby, we mention that even some of the connectionist models are rooted in cellular-automata semantics; see e. Artificial societies is yet another field where automata models gained success. This deals with emergence of societal structure in collectives of simple agents [Epstein and Axtell ]. The research focuses mainly on automata models of growing societies [Gilbert and Conte ] and populations of interacting finite automata [Axelrod ]. Behavior of automaton models of agent collectives becomes even richer, and obtains a sense of artificial social life [Bainbridge et. Thus, for example, it is verified in computer experiments with populations of mobile automata, competing for resources, that a collective misbelief, when co-existing in space and time with a collective belief, may increase survivability of the entire population [Doran ]. Automaton models of crowd-minds seem to be capable for perfectly grasping intrinsic processes of crowd mental dynamics because crowds exhibit lower levels of control and have shorter time scales with more discrete and concrete standards: To the crowdmind, as such, there are no problems. It has closed its case beforehand" [Martin ]. Members of a crowd "are impulsive and respond with little foresight", they are "inextricably wrapped up in the cues of the moment" [PrenticeDunn and Rofers ]. A cogitoid "is a computational model of cognition, where knowledge is represented by a lattice of concepts and associations between the concepts [Wiedermann b ] " is yet another example of "automaton mentality". It is demonstrated in [Wiedermann b ] that cogitoids realize 10 Dynamics of Crowd-Minds basic behavioral patterns including Pavlovian conditioning. In the cogitoid the concepts, like automaton states, can be represented by quantities of strength, non-negative integers, and by qualities, integers, whereas associations between the concepts possess a weight [Wiedermann a ]. Several fundamental postulates, which support vitality of finiteautomata models of consciousness are provided in [Alexander a ], where a model of artificial consciousness is built on the basis of automaton models of neural networks. In automaton neural models in [Alexander b ] consciousness is represented in the firing patterns of neurons: There are some remarkable connections with cogitoids [Wiedermann a ]; for example, when concepts are encoded by inner neurons. Micro-tubules, which form neuron skeletons and indeed are simulated in cellular automata when every tubulin unit is represented by a cell, form a physical basis of the OR theory of consciousness [Hameroff and Penrose ; Hameroff ]. It is claimed that consciousness occurs in multicomponent systems, which are capable of developing and maintaining quantum coherent superpositions. Every superposition lasts until some event, e. The coherent state collapses after that. Thus, streams of self-collapsing particles represent a flow of consciousness. So, a subject of consciousness is seen as a massively parallel collective of very simple particles acting coherently. A paradigm of computational chemistry " molecules represent computational processes " was firstly brought into effective action in a context of self-maintenance of a system and the autopoiesis [Varela et. The process is parallel because all pairs of molecules can interact at once. To set up an architecture of a specific machine, one defines a molecule algebra Crowding Minds 11 and rules of interaction between the molecules. Recently, the artificialchemistry paradigm emerged and formed a new field concentrating on such issues as self-organization and complexity, and non-standard computation; see an overview in [Dittrich et. So, by representing mental states of agents as chemical species, we can design a quasi-chemistry-like reaction between the mental states. The idea has been around for some time and, already in , while talking about social context of riots in the black ghetto of Milwaukee, Slesinger used somewhat chemical terminology: To study artificial chemistry of well-stirred reactors in computational experiments we numerically integrate systems of first-order ordinary differential equations [Press et. We represent thin-layer reactors, where chemical species and micro-volumes interact locally, as systems of partial differential equations, and also model these reaction-diffusion systems as cellular neural non-linear networks [Chua ] , as well as cellular automata. A cellular automaton is an array of uniform finite automata, which update their states in parallel, and each automaton calculates its next state depending on states of its closest neighbors see e.

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Some of the most important theories regarding crowd behaviour are as follows: The study of collective behaviour started with the study of crowd behaviour. In the 19th century, crowd behaviour was a significant area of study in the field of psychology. Early social psychologists such as Gustave Le Bon and Gabriel Tarde suggested the origins of crowds in her instincts and mass imitation. Since then sociologists have largely replaced psychological point of view of crowd behaviour. They have shown that behaviour in crowds is far more mindful, rational and socially organized than Le Bon believed. Many theories have been propounded by various psychologists and sociologists to explain why the crowd behaves in a particular way. We will below examine a few of them. The behaviour of the crowd is always emotionally determined. The things common to all people are such fundamental emotions as fear, anger and rage. In terms of these common elements, crowds form, feel and act. These provide a common bond and a basis for interaction in all conditions. In the crowd the emotional tone is heightened by the concentration of attention, the suggestions of leaders, the use of verbal and other symbols, the excited gestures of the crowd members, and other circumstances of the occasion. On the basis of these emotional characteristics, the crowd is easily led. In the crowd, mostly critical faculties are in abeyance. Individuals accept as true the most improbable of statements. At the same time that certain faculties are destroyed, others may be brought to a high degree of exaltation. He is no longer himself, but has become an automation who has ceased to be guided by his will. In the crowd he is barbarian. Group mind makes people feel, think and act in a manner quite different from that in which each individual would feel, think and act where he in a state of isolation. The group mind is not a mere collection or the sum of the minds of all the individual members of a group. It is a mind of its own distinct from minds working on different levels. Its working is based on emotions, appeals, suggestions and slogans. Its acts are less rational and more emotional. It is an irresponsible mind focusing its attention on some immediate object. Its mental level is very low. It becomes easily excited and acts in a hypnotic way. It is on this account that individuals behave most irrationally in a crowd than otherwise behave individually. Le Bon said that in periods of social decline and disintegration, society is threatened by the rule of crowds. He explains the two central phenomena of crowd behaviour, namely, the intensification of emotion in a crowd and the lowering of intellectual level, as follows: He says, the greater the number of people in whom the same emotions can be simultaneously observed, the greater the contagion. The individual under the influence of emotion loses the power of criticism and slips into the same emotion. The collective emotion becomes intensified by mutual interaction. The intensification of emotion and unpreparedness for opposing the authority of the crowd, in their turn, inhibit intellectual processes and the lowering of intellectual level in a crowd. McDougall described the behaviour of the crowd in the following words: Hence its behaviour is like that of an unruly child or it is like a wild beast. Why, therefore, do we invariably give way to this contagion when we are in group? Freud suggests that what holds any group together is a love relationship, i. Using psycho-analytic approach of Freud, E. Martin interpreted crowd behaviour as the release for repressed drives. Through a crowd, the restraints of a superego are relaxed and primitive ego-impulses come into play. The crowd thus provides a momentary release of otherwise repressed drives. How far the Freudian theory is helpful in explaining crowd behaviour, it is argued that it is not substantiated by factual observation. Sometimes, the crowd behaviour may be the expression of repressed drives, but it may not be true of all the crowds. Moreover, it is unable to explain all the features of crowd behaviour. He offered the explanation of crowd behaviour by two principles, of which one is the principle of social facilitation. According to this principle, a common stimulus prepares two individuals for the same response and when they are so prepared, the sight of one making that response releases and heightens that response in the other. The second principle is that of interstimulation. Sociologist Ralf Turner has gone beyond inadequate psychological explanation of the crowd behaviour and developed an emergent norm perspective. The central thesis of this perspective is that even in the most violent and dangerous crowds, there is also social interaction, in which a situation is defined, norms for sanctioning behaviour emerge, and lines of

action are justified and agreed upon. Thus, all above explanations throw light on either one or the other factor of the complex phenomenon of crowd behaviour. As such, they are incomplete and insufficient. There are multiple factors, such as anonymity, stimulation, emotionality, suggestibility, initiation, contagion, lack of volition, force of unconscious impulses, etc. The theory of crowd behaviour has moved away from the older perspective McDougall, Le Bon, etc.

### 3: 5 Most Important Theories Regarding Crowd Behaviour

*In a cellular- 40 Dynamics of Crowd-Minds Fig. 10 Space-time dynamics of a cellular-automaton model of the reactions 5, 7 and The initial configuration features a random distribution of happiness, sadness and confusion,  $n = 80$ ,  $t =$*

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