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Diffusion (PDE) models of biological pattern formation

Meinhardt H and Gierer A (2012), "Theoretical aspects of pattern formation and neuronal development". Max-Planck-Campus Tübingen.

<http://www.eb.tuebingen.mpg.de/de/forschung/emeriti/hans-meinhardt/home.html>

Extensive. Some work [dates back to](#) 1972.

Contains many animated illustrations. Not over-technical. In particular, note the entries on '[periodic structures](#)', '[phyllotaxis](#)', and '[somite formation](#)'.

Feather coloration

See also the Wikipedia article on [Structural coloration](#).

(2007) "All About Birds: Color". Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/studying/feathers/color/document_view

TODO: Read the technical paper, Zi J et. al. (2003). "Coloration strategies in peacock feathers". PNAS October 28, 2003 vol. 100 no. 22 12576-12578. doi:

[10.1073/pnas.2133313100](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2133313100)

Directional movement in plants

See also the Wikipedia articles on [Phototropism](#), [Gravitropism](#).

Willige BC et. al. (2013), "D6PK AGCVIII Kinases Are Required for Auxin Transport and Phototropic Hypocotyl Bending in Arabidopsis", The Plant Cell May 2013 vol. 25 no. 5 1674-1688, doi: [10.1105/tpc.113.111484](https://doi.org/10.1105/tpc.113.111484)

Via the ScienceDaily article "[How do plants grow toward the light? Scientists explain mechanism behind phototropism](#)".

Pattern formation by unicellular and colonial organisms

Lian X, Lu G, and Wang H (2014). "Pattern Formation in a Bacterial Colony Model". Abstract and Applied Analysis Volume 2014 Article ID 149801. doi: [10.1155/2014/149801](https://doi.org/10.1155/2014/149801)

Alexander Trevi (2006). "More Gardens-in-a-Petri". Pruned (via Blogspot).

<http://pruned.blogspot.com/2006/02/more-gardens-in-petri.html>

Via the MicrobeWiki article on [Patterns of bacterial growth](#). The fractal patterns formed by chiral growth resemble the more radially-symmetric of those fractal patterns

generated by [Turtle programs](#). Here is a [better example](#) of such a pattern (via [this page](#)).

Hoops HJ, Nishii I, Kirk DL (2000). Cytoplasmic Bridges in Volvox and Its Relatives. In: Madame Curie Bioscience Database [Internet]. Austin (TX): Landes Bioscience. Available from: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK6424/>

Mammalian weaponry - teeth

Jernvall J and Thesleff I (2012). "Tooth shape formation and tooth renewal: evolving with the same signals". Development 139, 3487-3497. doi: [10.1242/dev.085084](https://doi.org/10.1242/dev.085084)

Extensive. Pending further perusal.

MacPherson BR (2003?). "Oral Histology - Module 3: Tooth Development - 40. Determination of Root Shape". University of Kentucky College of Medicine (a personal site hosted by the institution). <http://www.uky.edu/~brmacp/oralhist/module3/lab/oh3main.htm>

Slides. Date approximate, via [a Mar '03 paper](#) by the site's author in the Journal of Dental Education.

Boyd R, Silk JB (2000). "How Humans Evolved - Part 2: Primate Behavior and Ecology - Primate Mating Systems". W.W. Norton & Company, Inc. <http://www.wwnorton.com/college/anthro/bioanth/ch7/chap7.htm>

Citation is for general knowledge taught in biological anthropology.

Link is to an e-book associated (obscurely) with a publisher-maintained [StudySpace](#).

Debbie (2013). "Chimpanzee smiles". Chimpanzee Sanctuary Northwest. <http://www.chimpsanctuarynw.org/blog/2013/09/chimpanzee-smiles/>

Mammalian weaponry - horns

Geist V (1966). "The Evolution of Horn-Like Organs". Behaviour Vol. 27, No. 3/4, pp. 175-214. <http://www.jstor.org.proxy.cc.uic.edu/stable/4533157>

Second and third pages contain illustrations of various types of horns.

For spiralling horns, see also Meinhardt on [orientation](#) in biological pattern formation.

Robinson MR, Kruuk LEB (2007). "Function of weaponry in females: the use of horns in intrasexual competition for resources in female Soay sheep". Biol. Lett.: 2007 3 651-654. doi: [10.1098/rsbl.2007.0278](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsbl.2007.0278)

(2012) "Trigger for massive animal weapons, ornaments uncovered". Washington State University News.

<https://news.wsu.edu/2012/07/26/trigger-for-massive-animal-weapons-ornaments-uncovered/>

TODO: Skim [various papers](#) by the authors in question.

Flocking behavior by particles in solution

Palacci J, et. al. (2014). "Light-activated self-propelled colloids" Phil. Trans. R. Soc. A: 2014 372 20130372. doi: [10.1098/rsta.2013.0372](https://doi.org/10.1098/rsta.2013.0372)

Via the Wired article "[It's \(Almost\) Alive! Scientists Create a Near-Living Crystal](#)".

Skeletal development

Olsen BR, Reginato AM, Wang W (2000). "Bone Development". Annual Review of Cell and Developmental Biology, Vol. 16: 191 -220. doi: [10.1146/annurev.cellbio.16.1.191](https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev.cellbio.16.1.191)

Extensive, but fairly thoroughly covered by the slides.

Cooper DML, Erickson B, Peele AG, Hannah K, Thomas CDL, and Clement JG (2011), "Visualization of 3D osteon morphology by synchrotron radiation micro-CT". Journal of Anatomy, 219: 481–489. doi: [10.1111/j.1469-7580.2011.01398.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1469-7580.2011.01398.x)

Caveats regarding idealized osteon structure, exemplifying variation in biological pattern generation.

Horne F (2006). "How are seashells created? Or any other shell, such as a snail's or a turtle's?" Scientific American.

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-are-seashells-created/>

Doblaré M, García JM (2001). "Anisotropic bone remodelling model based on a continuum damage-repair theory". Journal of Biomechanics Volume 35, Issue 1, January 2002, Pages 1–17. doi: [10.1016/S0021-9290\(01\)00178-6](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0021-9290(01)00178-6) (via UIC proxy)