# Strategies for our changing and complex world: concepts, methods and applications

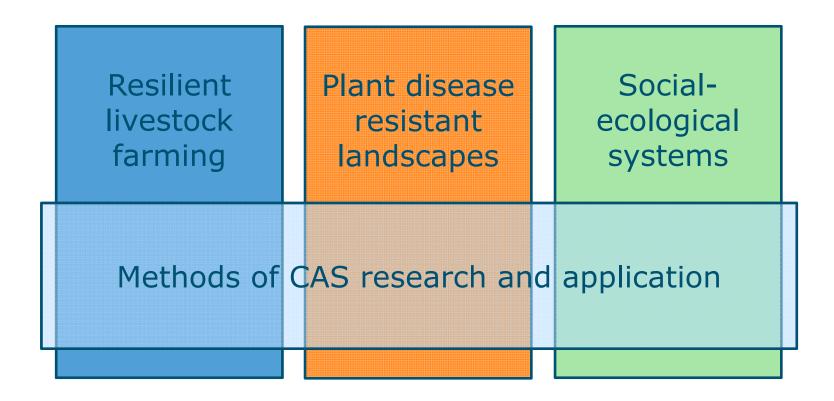
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Chair: Prof. Dr. Ir. Bas Kemp





# Complex Adaptive Systems (CAS): Interdisciplinary research in Wageningen

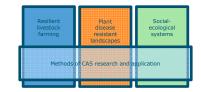




### Program

- 10.00 Framing complexity (Prof. Dr. Ir. Arnold Bregt)
- 10.30 Complex Adaptive Systems and Agent-based Models (Dr. Ir. Arend Ligtenberg)
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 Shrimp farming in the Mekong (Dr. Olivier Joffre)
- 12.00 Supply chain simulations (Dr. Eva van den Broek)
- 12.30 Lunch (ground floor)
- 13.30 Short presentations (pitches) introducing the knowledge market (chair: Prof. Dr. Ir. Bas Kemp)
- 14.00 Knowledge market: ask your questions, get answers
- 16.00 Closing session (Dr. Ir. Gert Jan Hofstede)
- 16.45 *Drinks*





## Pitches introducing the knowledge market

1. Geert Kessel Late blight (Phytophthora) in potatoes

2. Anouk Cormont Sustainable regional arable farming

3. Wim de Winter Where should the tomato go?

4. Erika Speelman Companion modelling

**5.** Egil Fischer Antibiotics in animal husbandry

**6.** Iris Boumans Simulating pig behaviour

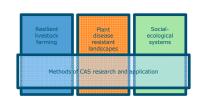
7. Floor Ambrosius Pig farmers' innovation behaviour

8. Sjoukje Osinga Supply chain innovation

9. George van Voorn Understanding fisheries complexity

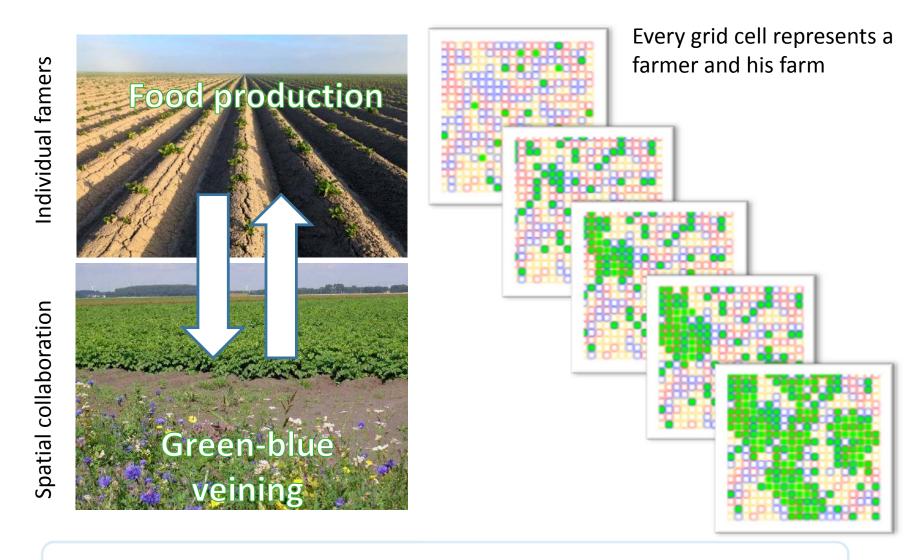
10. Martha Bakker Identifying resilience







### Towards sustainable regional arable farming systems



Explaining transitions including social (collective) learning

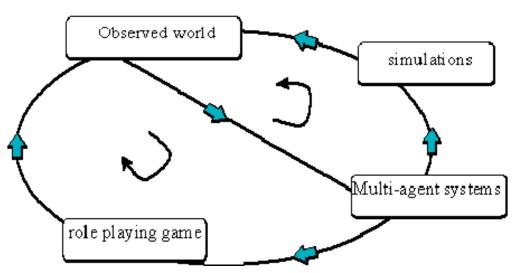
# Where should the tomato go?







# **Companion Modelling**







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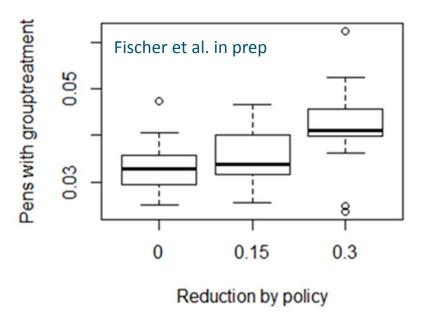




# Reducing antibiotic usage in fattening pigs

Egil Fischer, Natalia Valeeva, Thomas Hagenaars, Tim



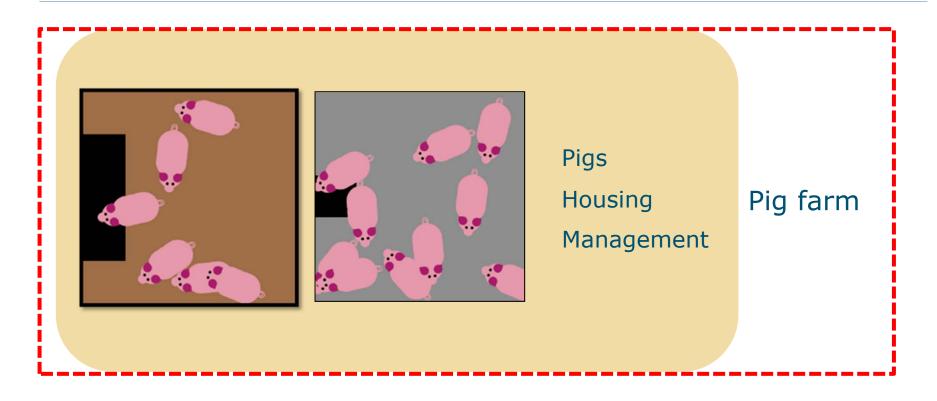




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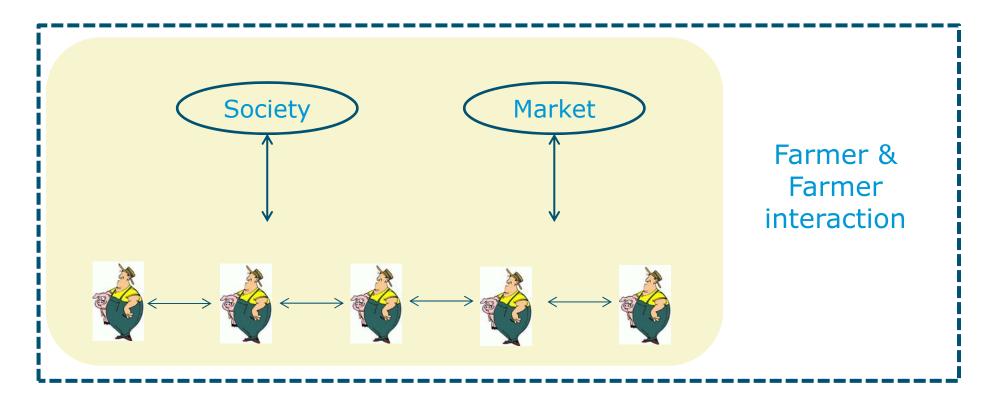
## Simulating pig behaviour



To understand essential mechanisms underlying behaviour & the effect of housing and management practices



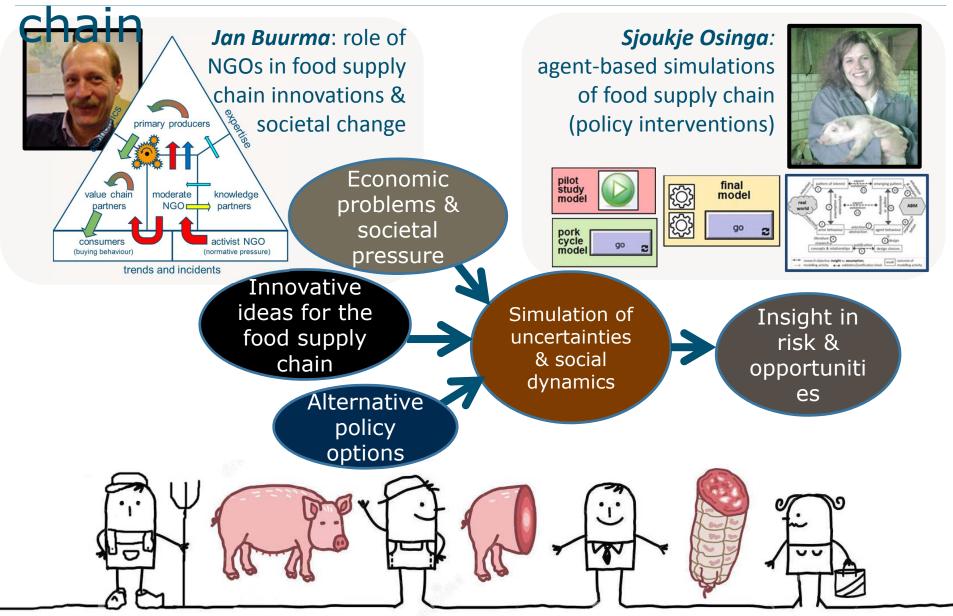
# Pig farmer innovation behaviour



How do pig farmers adapt to societal criticism and shape the sustainability of the pork sector?



# Social dynamics in the food supply



# Understanding fisheries complexity to improve management

# <u>Current</u> models:

#### Agents have:

- Perfect insight
- Perfect foresight



# Fisheries as CAS:

#### Agents have:

- Imperfect information
- Imperfect foresight
- Emotions
- Social behaviour



#### Resilience

A system's ability to continue performing certain key functions

How to translate this to real-world, complex systems?

(resilience = veerkracht)



### Resilience in complex adaptive systems

- Buffer capacity in individual agents
- Variability among agents
- Flexible ties between agents
- Stabilizing feedbacks
- Redundancy





### Diagnostic toolset

- Capture systems in Agent-Based Models
- Make constituents of resilience explicit and quantifiable
- ... If this interests you: do come to discuss further in the Resilience session!

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### Knowledge market

- Join one of the discussion groups or just walk around
- Discussion topics are indicated on posters by the tables
- Researchers are available to discuss your questions
- After 30-45 minutes, the referee will
  - call for the discussion chairs to wind up
  - encourage you to change tables
- Coffee and tea are available on the knowledge market
- There will be two or three rounds of discussion





## Knowledge market topics

- Phytophthora resistance in potato landscapes as a social-ecological system
- Complex aspects of livestock farming: animal welfare, farmers' networks, antibiotic resistance
- Interactive complex systems modelling with stakeholders
- Complex systems in the countryside: multifunctional and greenhouse farming
- Social-ecological complexity of fisheries and fish farming
- Social dynamics and supply chain innovations
- Identifying resilience: results from CAS and future resilience research





Closing session

Dr. Ir. Gert Jan Hofstede





