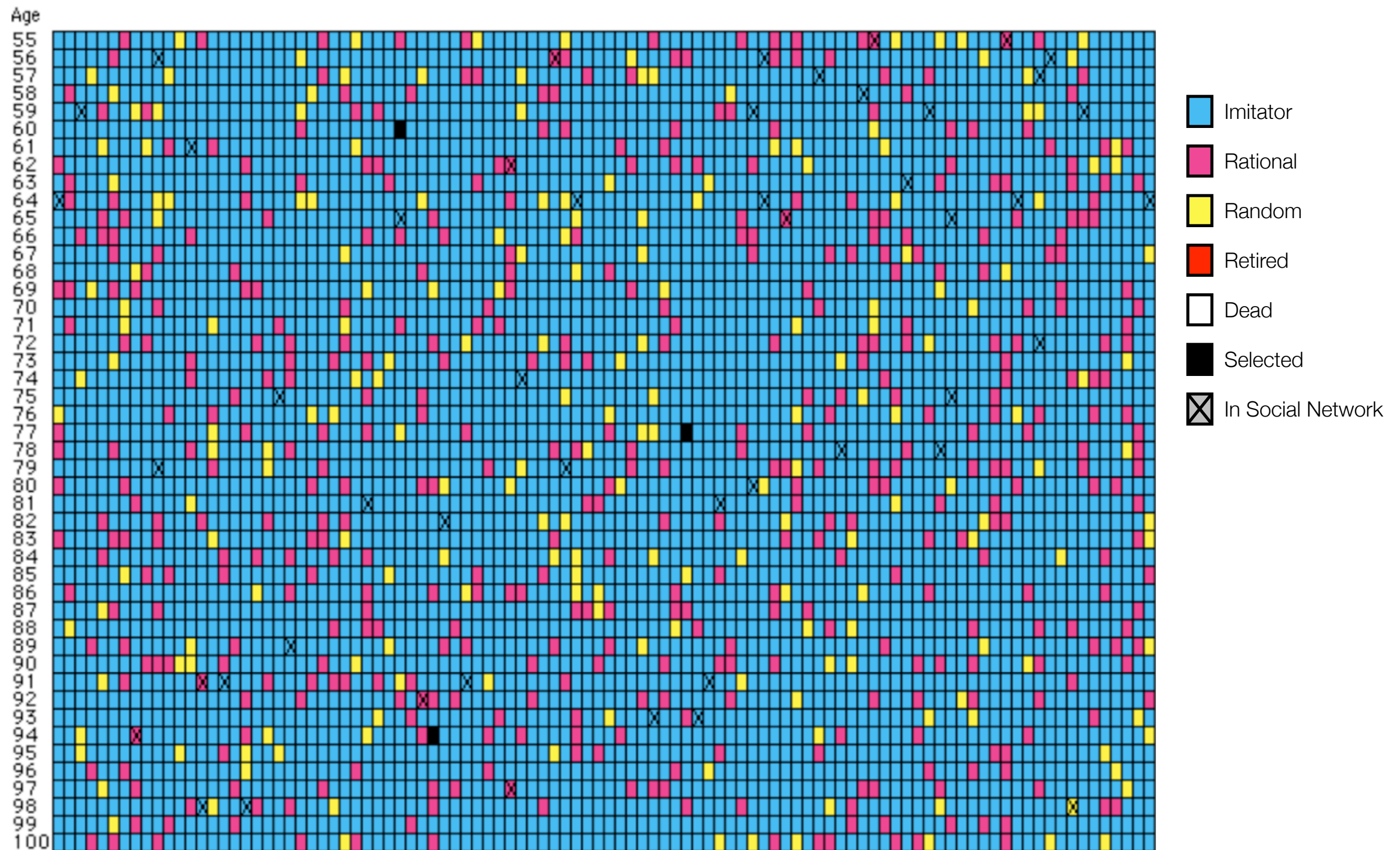


Retirement Redux: Visualization

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Original GUI



Source: Axtell and Epstein (2006)

Model Overview

- • Rational Agents: retire as soon as they are allowed
- • Imitator Agents: retire when a large enough proportion of social network has retired
- • Random Agents: flip a coin each year

Visualization Challenges

- Cohorts should be rows
 - MASON grids are in `Object[x][y]` form, `Object[i]` is the i^{th} column
- Social network
- Grid lines
- Age labels along the left side

Challenge: Row-based cohorts

Solution:

Store agents in an auxiliary array

```
Agent[][] agentMatrix;
```

such that:

```
agentMatrix[i]
```

gives the i^{th} cohort

Then copy and transpose the auxiliary array to MASON's display grid:

```
for (int i = 0; i < agentMatrix.length; i++)  
    for (int j = 0; j < agentMatrix[0].length; j++)  
        model.agents.field[j][i] = agentMatrix[i][j];
```

Challenge: Draw the social network

Solution:

Add flag `boolean showInNetwork` to Agent class

Create custom grid portrayal class

```
AgentGridPortrayal2D extends ObjectGridPortrayal2D
```

Override `setSelected(..., boolean selected)` function

go through agent's network and set `showInNetwork` to selected

Custom agent portrayal class

```
public class AgentPortrayal2D extends RectanglePortrayal2D
```

Override draw function:

Set color based on agent type and status

Call `super.draw(...)` to draw agent color

if (`agent.showInNetwork`)

draw "X" using java 2D primitives (i.e. `drawLine`)

Challenge: Draw the grid lines

Solution:

In `AgentPortrayal2D.draw(...)`

After drawing everything else, draw lines along top and left

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In `AgentPortrayal2D.draw(...)`

After drawing everything else, draw lines along top and left

But that leaves a missing line on the right and bottom...

Challenge: Draw the grid lines

Solution:

In `AgentPortrayal2D.draw(...)`

After drawing everything else, draw lines along top and left

But that leaves a missing line on the right and bottom...

Solution:

In `AgentGridPortrayal2D.hitOrDraw(...)`

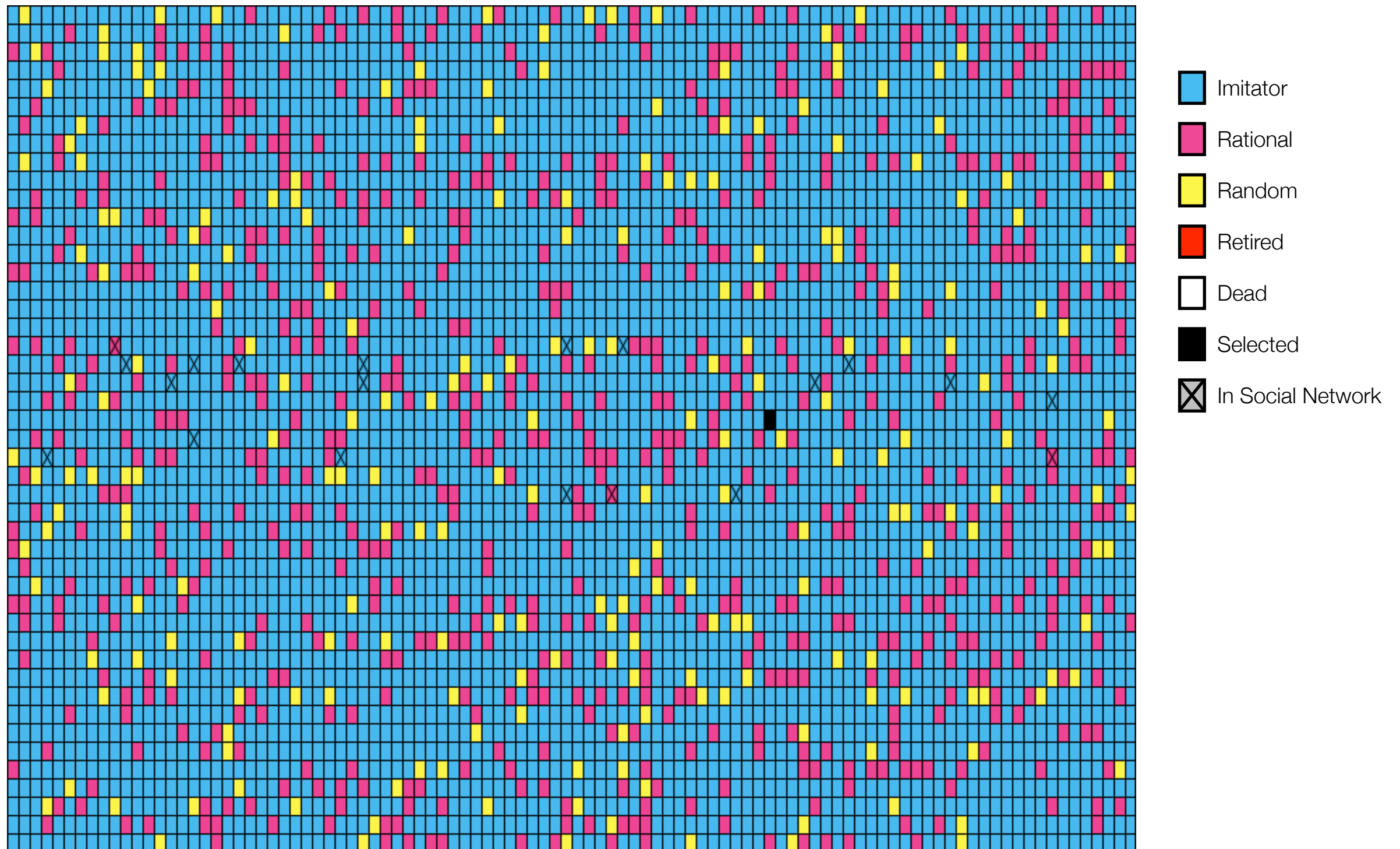
After drawing the agents, draw long lines along right and bottom

Challenge: Draw the age labels along the left side

Solution:

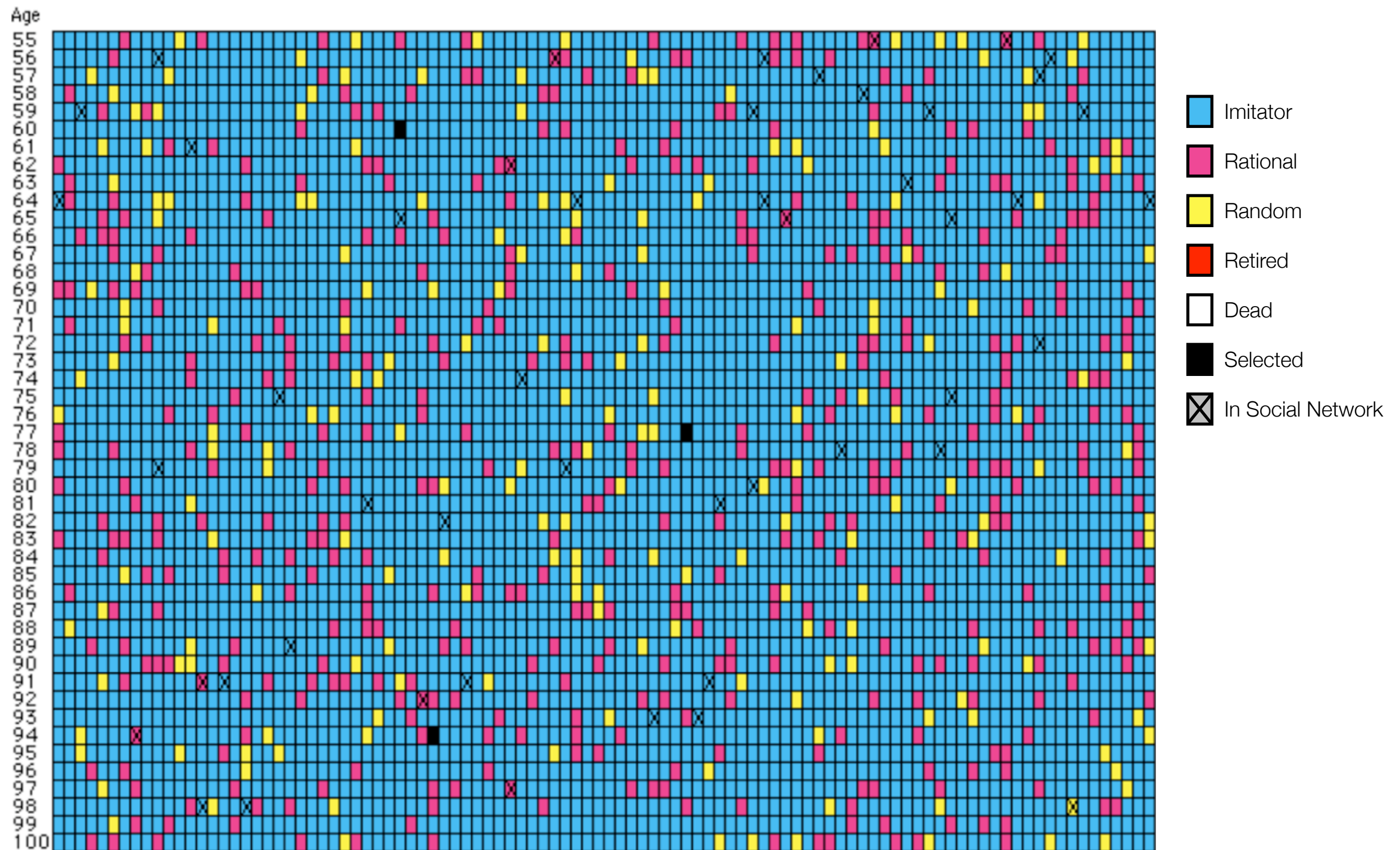
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Replication in MASON



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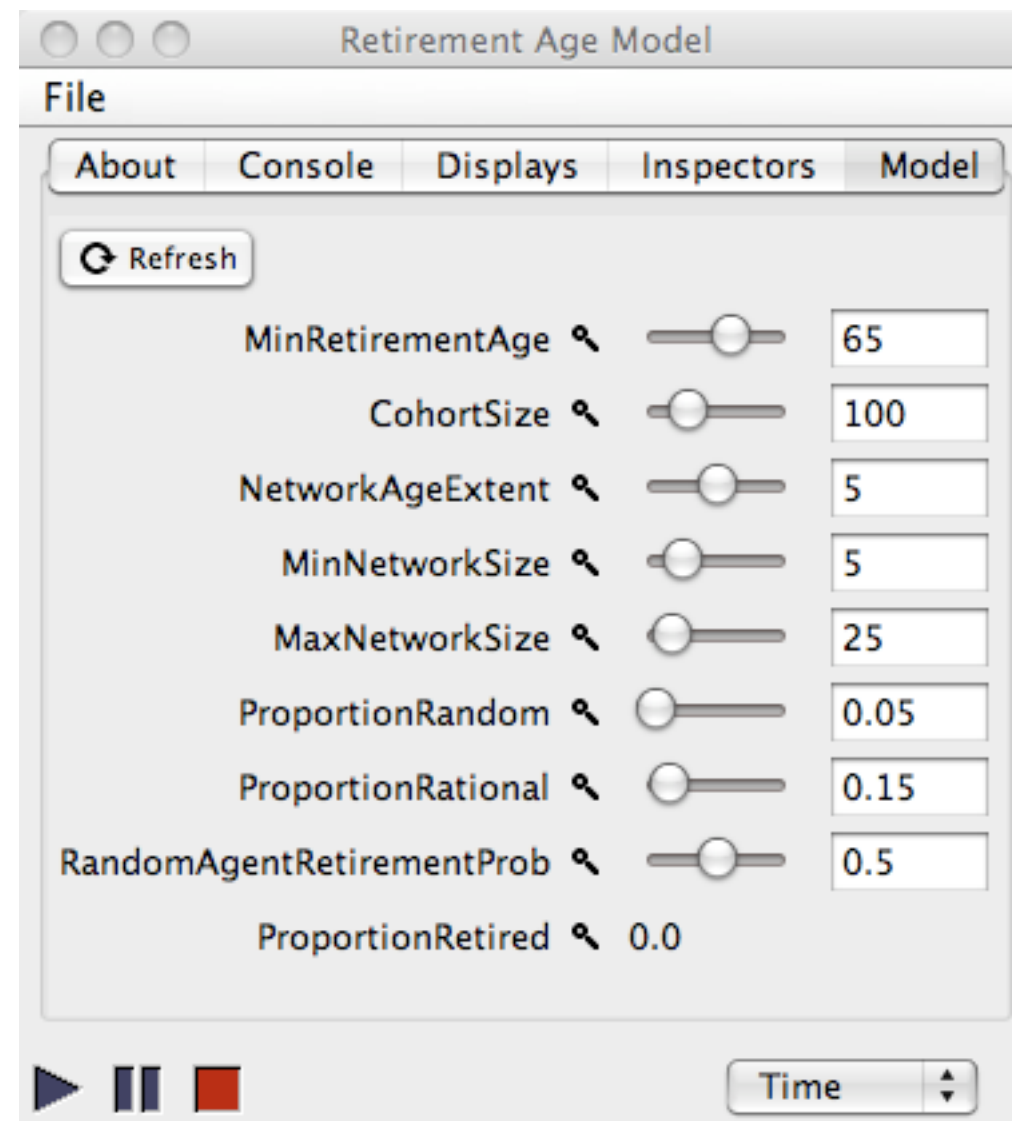


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Model Parameters

| Parameter | Value |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Agents/cohort, C | 100 |
| rational agents | 10% |
| imitative agents | 85% |
| imitation threshold, τ | 0.50 |
| social network size, S | U[10, 25] |
| network age extent, E | U[0, 5] |
| random agents | 5% |
| p | 0.50 |

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Model

- Run the model