CAN COMPLEX COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOUR BE GENERATED THROUGH RANDOMNESS, MEMORY AND A PINCH OF LUCK?

INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH

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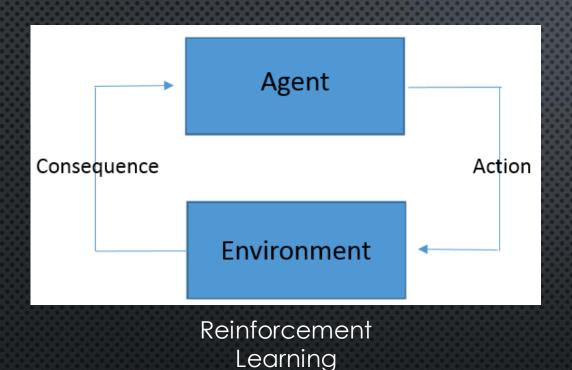
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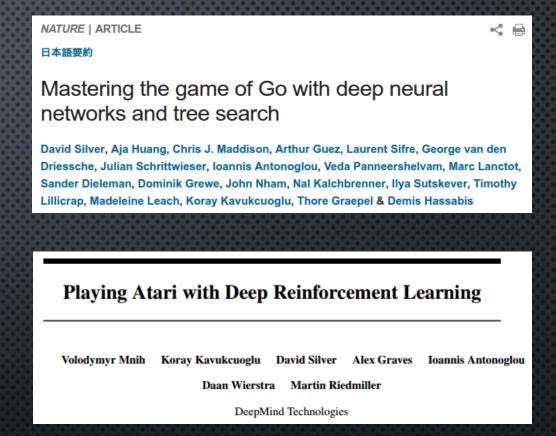


STRUCTURE OF PRESENTATION

- MOTIVATION
- SETUP
- MODEL
- RESULTS
- Conclusions

MOTIVATION

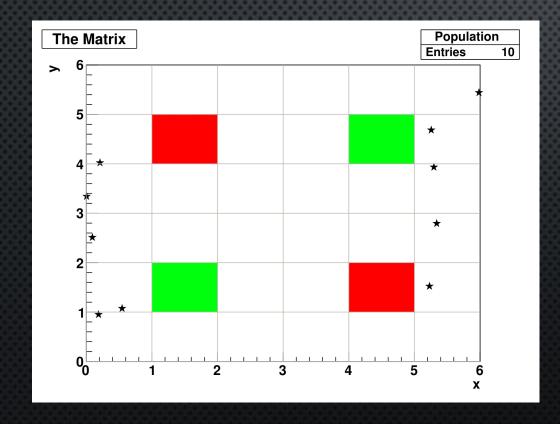




"Evolution forged the entirety of sentient life on this planet using only one tool: the mistake." - Dr. Robert Ford, HBO's Westworld

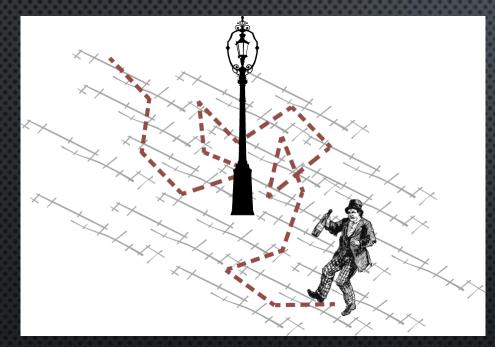
SETUP

Name	Label	Meaning
Maximum Age	maxage	Number of days a cell can live before dying of "old age"
Maximum Days Without Food	maxswof	Number of days a cell can live without reaching a food site.
Minimun Age for Reproduction	minagerep	Minimum age for a cell to start reproducing.
Daily Food Limit	${\it daily flimit}$	Maximum number of cells who can feed on a food site daily.

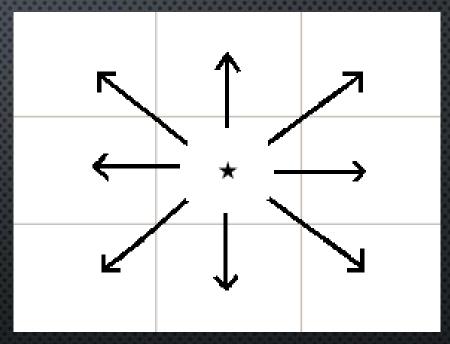


- L=6
- N=10
- SYMMETRIC POPULATION DISTRIBUTION
- SYMMETRIC DEATH AND FOOD SITES DISTRIBUTION

At t=0:



Random Walker



Possible Moves

Source: Theoretical Systems Biology, Imperial College London

If one cell has many options for reproduction it will choose at random one of the highest generation possible.



If many cells are in the same food site, the ones from higher generations and with lower age have priority to eat.

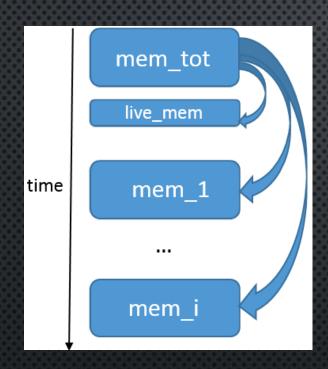


Cells Reproduce

$$gen_C = \max(gen_A, gen_B) + 1$$

Replication of what happens in nature.

Source: National Geographic Magazine



Time Evolution of Memory Creation

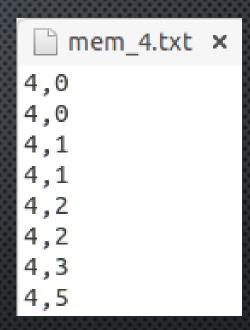
Weights

Death Event in P

• 6 x P

Feeding Event in P

- 0 x P
- 1 x P-1
- 2 x NOT(P AND P-1)



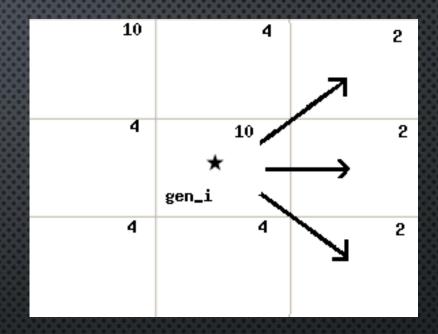
Part of the memory from a generation 4

live_mem

Effect of Communication is not negligible for generation 0

$$P_{moving}(s) = \begin{cases} P_i &, w_{tot} = 0 \\ P_i \cdot e^{(P_i - \frac{w(s)}{w_{tot}})} &, w_{tot} > 0 \end{cases}$$

- Depends on the ratio
 of the weight of s with
 the total sum of weights
 in the available sites!
- Can be bigger than Pi!



Available moves with Memory

Can Somebody die of hunger in a food Site? No... Unless the food site becomes saturated! (because of dailyflimit)

After this happens, different information is stored for a certain food site P':

Death Event in P'

• 6 x P'

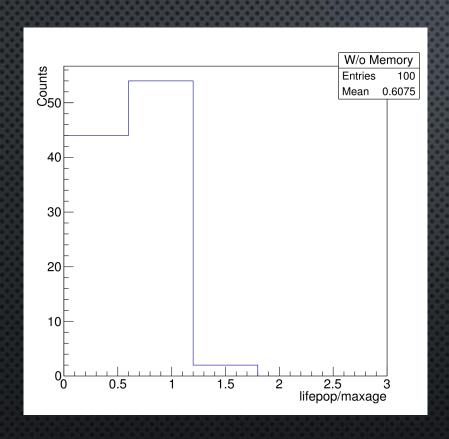
Feeding Event in P'

- 0 x P'
- 2 x P'-1
- 1 x NOT(P' AND P'-1)

This 'Inversion' occurs when weight of P' equals the weight of the nearby sites - Population reaches Neq (Equilibrium Population Number).

Reverts to the old weights if Population Number gets below the Neq.

RESULTS

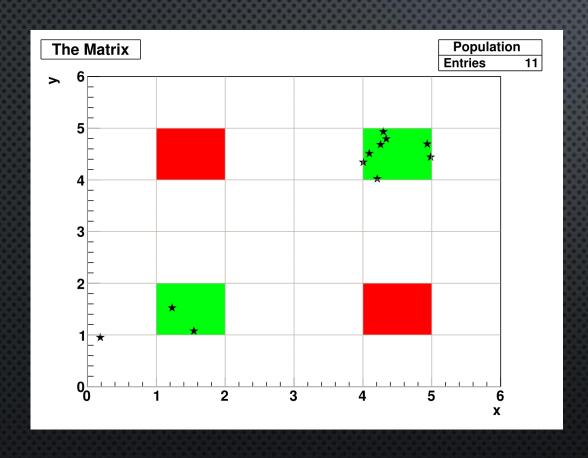


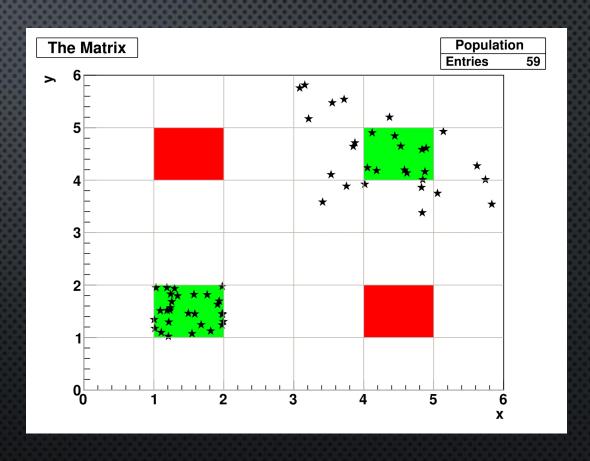
W/ Memory Sounts Entries 100 Mean 2.261 2.5 3 lifepop/maxage 1.5

Pure Random Walker

Model With Memory

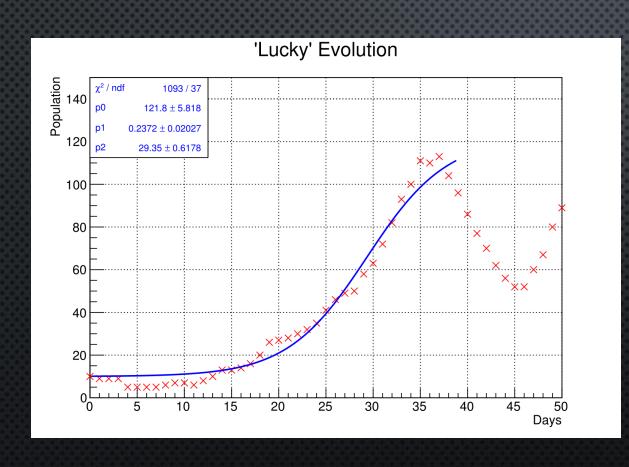
RESULTS - 'LUCKY' EVOLUTION





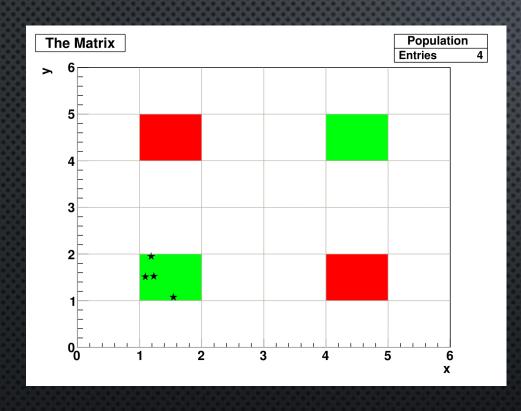
Day 5 Day 99

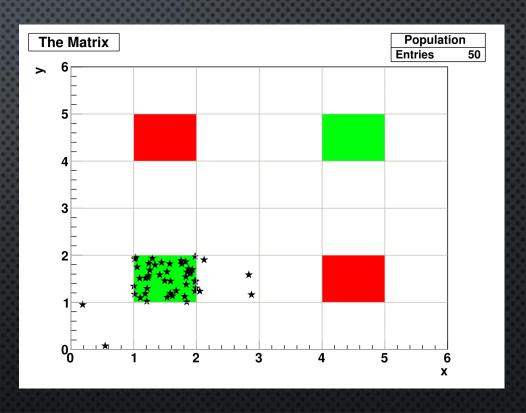
RESULTS — 'LUCKY' FIT TO LOGISTIC' FUNCTION



$$N(d) = N_i + \frac{N_{eq} - N_i}{1 + e^{-k(d - d_0)}}$$

RESULTS - 'ADVENTUROUS' EVOLUTION I

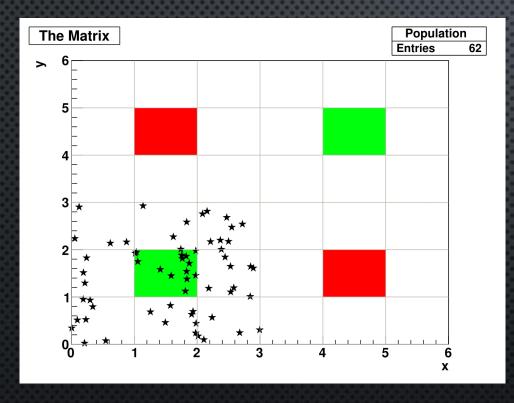


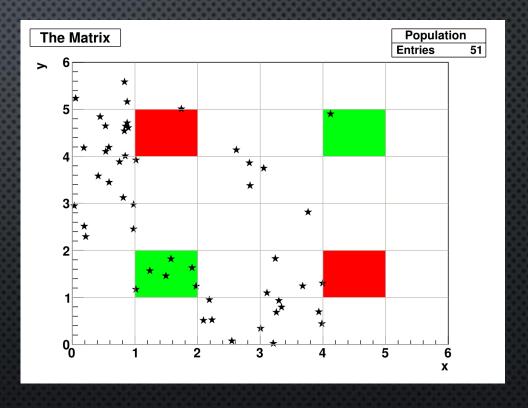


Day 4

Day 18

RESULTS – 'ADVENTUROUS' EVOLUTION II

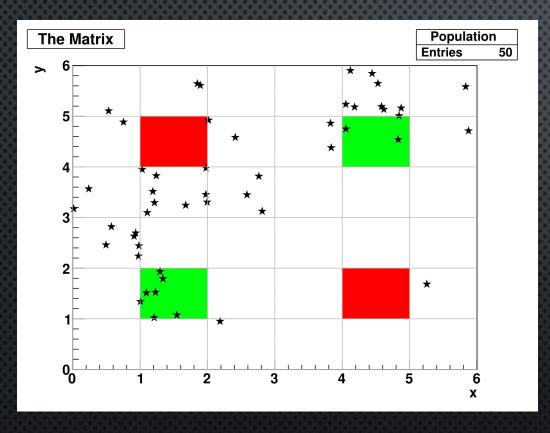


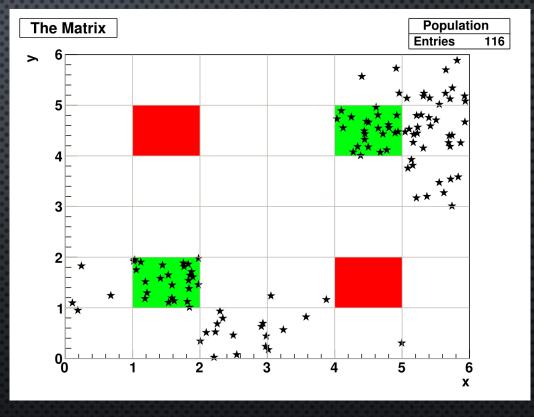


Day 23

Day 45

RESULTS - 'ADVENTUROUS' EVOLUTION III

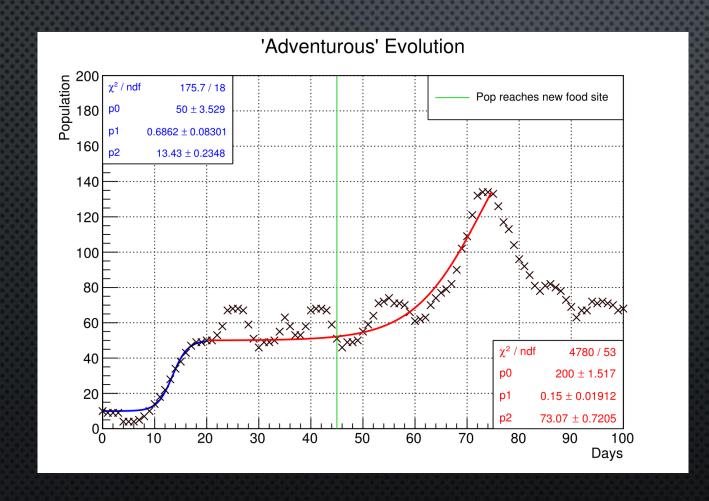




Day 51

Day 70

RESULTS — 'ADVENTUROUS' FIT TO LOGISTIC FUNCTION



$$N(d) = N_i + \frac{N_{eq} - N_i}{1 + e^{-k(d - d_0)}}$$

p0=Neq p1=k p2=d0 Ni=10 for Blue Ni=50 for Red

• THE MODEL FULFILLED ITS PURPOSE OF GENERATING INTERESTING COLLECTIVE BEHAVIOUR HAVING ONLY THREE AVAILABLE TOOLS: INITIAL RANDOMNESS, MEMORY OF DEATHS AND GOOD ZONES AND A TUNING OF THE INITIAL CONDITIONS.

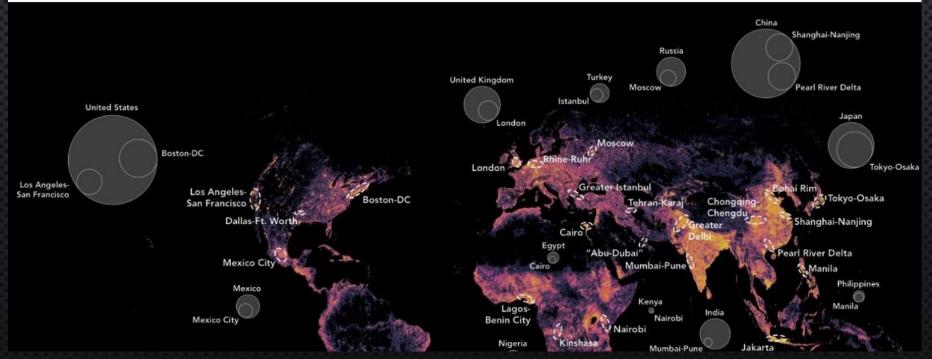
The Breakthroughs that distinguished the memoryless case from the 'intelligent' one were:

- THE CORRECT DEFINITION OF THE PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTION;
- GIFTING GENERATION 0 WITH A LIVE MEMORY THAT EMULATES THEIR ONLY WAY OF SHARING INFORMATION — COMMUNICATION.
- REDEFINITION OF THE WEIGHTS GIVEN IN AN EATING EVENT WHEN FOOD SOURCE SATURATES.

- OBVIOUS IMPROVEMENT: INTRODUCING MUTATIONS RANDOMLY GENERATED INFORMATION ADDED TO THE MEMORY OF SOME GENERATIONS THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE IN A GOOD OR BAD WAY TO THE DEVELOPMENT.
- INTERESTING TEST: INTRODUCING A CONCURRENT POPULATION WITH A DIFFERENT MEM_TOT AND OBSERVE IF BOTH POPULATIONS TEND TO MERGE AND ADD THEIR MEMORIES.

• THIS MODEL CAN BE COMPARED TO THE BEHAVIOUR OF UNICELLULAR ORGANISMS BUT ALSO OF HUMANS AROUND MAJOR CITIES, CORRECTLY PREDICTING THEIR MIGRATION WHEN DEATHS START TO INCREASE ABRUPTLY (WAR ZONES AND/OR ZONES WITH A FOOD SHORTAGE).

Megacities, not nations, are the world's dominant, enduring social structures



Source: Quartz (qz.com)

THE END

