

FROM ISING MODEL TO SCHELLING MODEL

WHY WE NEED ABM?

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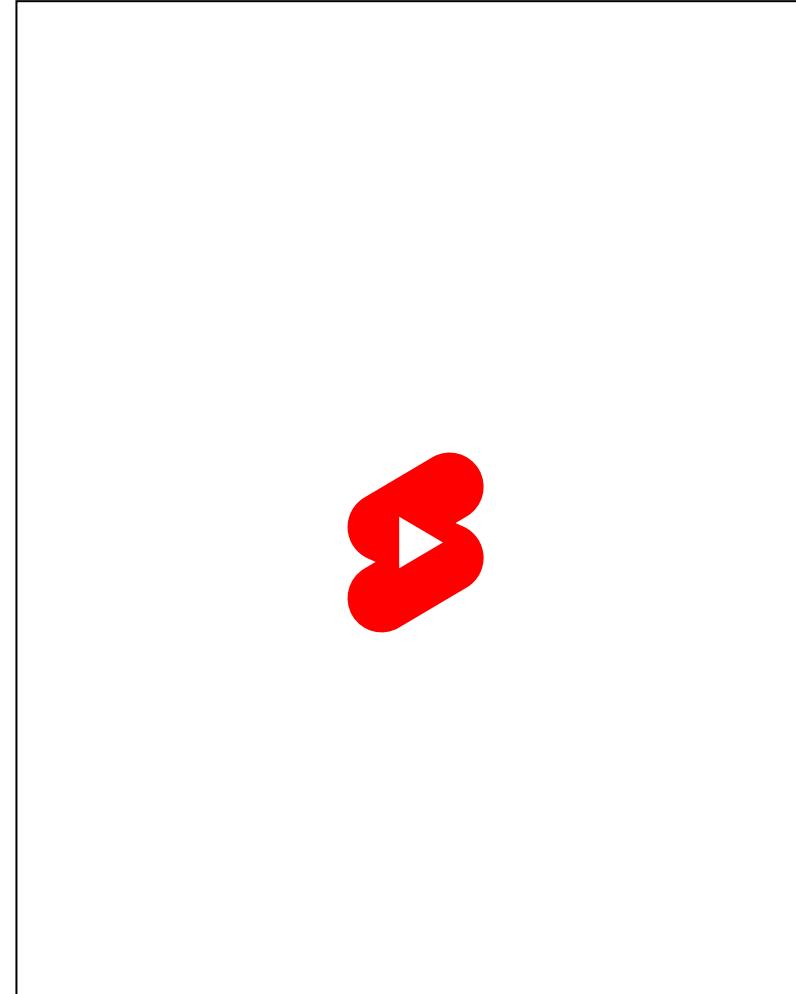
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ISING MODEL: BACKGROUND

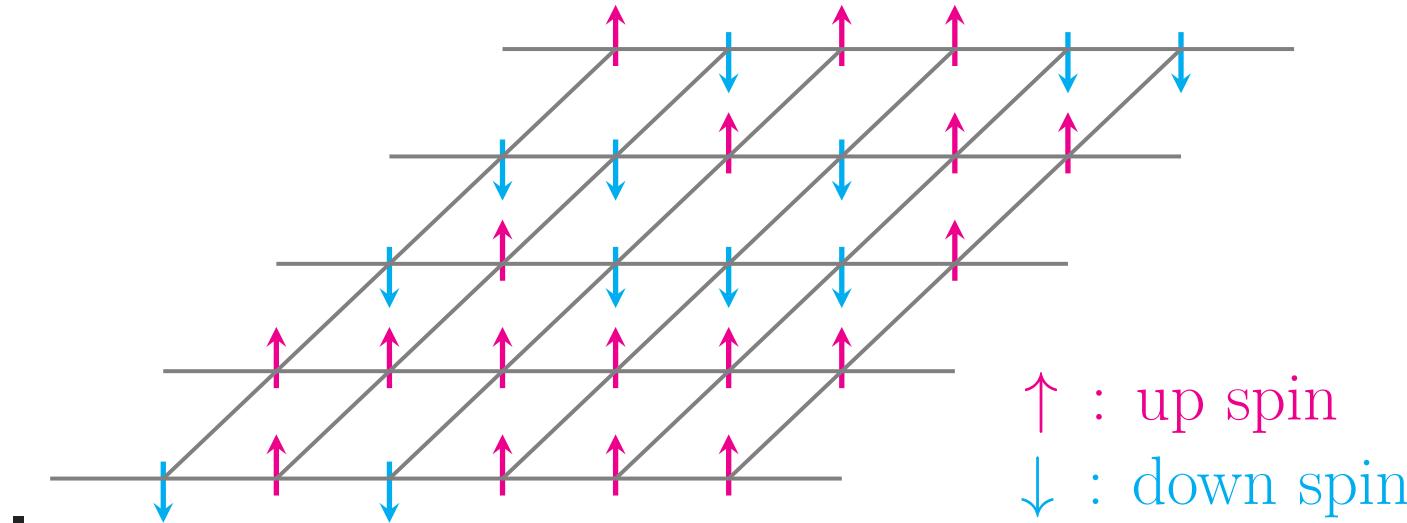
CURIE POINT HEAT ENGINE

- 宏观
 - 铁磁体加热到居里温度会失去磁性。
 - 相变 (Phase Transition): 有磁性 → 无磁性。
- 微观
 - 金属粒子在晶格上排列 (Crystal Lattice)。
 - 只有粒子自旋方向会改变。
 - 只与相邻粒子相互作用。



ISING MODEL

- Wilhelm Lenz (1920) 和 Ernst Ising (1925)



- 状态：每个格子上的原子有两个自旋状态： $+1$ （向上）或 -1 （向下）。
 - 当所有原子自旋一致时，系统表现出宏观磁性。（有序状态）
 - 当自旋随机分布时，宏观系统无磁性。（无序状态）
- 交互：相邻原子倾向于**自旋一致**以降低系统能量。 $E = \sum s_i s_j$
- 动作：metropolis algorithm
 - 如果 $\Delta E < 0$ ，翻转
 - 如果 $\Delta E \geq 0$ ，以概率 $e^{-\Delta E/kT}$ 翻转。
- 随着温度 T 升高，热扰动增加。**这个模型能够模拟相变吗？相变点在哪？**
- NetLogo 实现：[Ising Model](#)

THE STRUGGLE FOR EXACT SOLUTIONS

- The 1D Disappointment

- 由 Wilhelm Lenz (1920) 和 Ernst Ising (1925) 提出。
- Ising (1925) 证明：一维情况下没有相变。如果 $T > 0$ ，系统总是无序的。
- Ising 误以为二维和三维情况也一样没有相变。

- 平均场理论 (Mean-Field Theory) Pierre Curie

- 近似方法，忽略空间关联。预测了临界温度，但不精确。

- The 2D Breakthrough

- Lars Onsager (1944): 推导出了二维ising的精确解，预测了自发磁化的系数。

1968年诺贝尔奖。 $\frac{2}{\ln(1+\sqrt{2})} \approx 2.269$

- C.N. Yang, (1952): 计算出了精确的自发磁化强度 (M)。

- The 3D Challenge

- 至今没有找到解析解。
- Hugo Duminil-Copin (2022 fields prize):
 - 证明了三维相变的连续性和清晰度。
 - 但仍然没有2D ising的封闭公式。

The most striking results of Duminil-Copin are for Ising-type models in dimensions three and four. He has established the continuity and sharpness of the phase transition in dimension three. — [The Fields Medal 2022 Citation](#)

PHYSICAL REVIEW

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The Spontaneous Magnetization of a Two-Dimensional Ising Model

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The spontaneous magnetization of a two-dimensional Ising model is calculated exactly. The result also gives the long-range order in the lattice.

IT is the purpose of the present paper to calculate the spontaneous magnetization (i.e., the intensity of magnetization at zero external field) of a two-dimensional Ising model of a ferromagnet. Van der Waerden¹ and Ashkin and Lamb² had obtained a series expansion of the spontaneous magnetization that converges very rapidly at low temperatures. Near the critical temperature, however, their series expansion cannot be used. We shall here obtain a closed expression for the spontaneous magnetization by the matrix method which was introduced into the problem of the statistics of a two-dimensional Ising model by Montroll³ and Kramers and Wannier.⁴ Onsager gave in 1944 a complete solution⁵ of the matrix problem. His method was subsequently greatly simplified by Kaufman,⁶ and the result has been used to calculate the short-range order in the crystal lattice.⁷

The Onsager-Kaufman solution of the matrix problem will be used in the present paper to calculate the spontaneous magnetization. In Sec. I we define the specific

where

$$V_1 = \exp\left\{H^* \sum_1^n C_r\right\}, \quad (2)$$

and

$$V_2 = \exp\left\{H \sum_1^n S_r S_{r+1}\right\}. \quad (3)$$

H^* and H are given by

$$e^{-2H} = \tanh H^* = \exp[-(1/kT)(V_{\uparrow\downarrow} - V_{\uparrow\uparrow})]. \quad (4)$$

The following abbreviation will be useful:

$$x = e^{-2H}. \quad (5)$$

If a weak magnetic field is introduced the partition function becomes

$$Z_{3C} = (2 \sinh 2H)^{n/2} \text{trace}(V_3 V_2 V_1)^m, \quad (6)$$

where

$$V_3 = \exp\left\{3C \sum_1^n S_r\right\}. \quad (7)$$

“就这样，我开始了漫长的计算，这是我职业生涯中最长的一次计算... 最后，经过大约六个月断断续续的工作，所有的碎片突然拼凑在一起... 我看到了令人惊讶的简单的最终结果。”

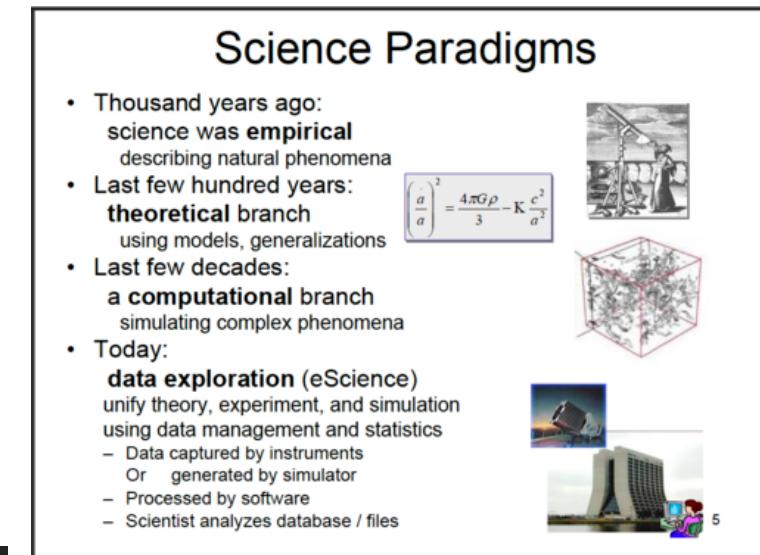
— Selected Papers, 1945-1980, by C.N.Yang, 1982.

WHY WE NEED ABM?

- 解析方法的困境

- 回顾 Ising: **最简单的状态，最简单的交互，最简单的规则，求解如此困难！**
- 当系统包含异质性个体 (Heterogeneity) 和复杂交互时，解析解通常不存在 (Intractable)。
- 社会系统比 Ising 模型更复杂，无法用 Equation based modelling (EBM) 还原。

- Jim Gray, 2007



- 科学研究的四种范式 (Four Paradigms of Scientific Research)

- 实验方法 (Experimental Methods) : 经验主义。
- 解析方法 (Theoretical Methods) : 解析推导, 如麦克斯韦方程组, 杨振宁的解
- 计算模拟方法 (Computational Methods) : 计算, 如 **ABM**, 蒙特卡洛
- 数据驱动方法 (Data-Driven Methods) : 大数据, 机器学习

- 范式转移 (The Paradigm Shift)

1. 实验范式的困境

- 社会科学难以进行大规模受控实验。
- 伦理限制: 不能随意操纵人类社会。历史不可重复: 社会现象具有独特性和时效性。

- 相关性不等于因果性：大数据只能揭示模式，无法解释机制。
- 预测 vs 解释：数据驱动方法擅长预测结果，但难以解释过程。

3. 计算模拟的独特性

- 处理异质性：每个个体可以有不同属性和行为。
- 捕捉非线性：复杂交互和反馈机制。
- 揭示涌现：宏观模式如何从微观规则中产生。

CRITICAL PHENOMENA

SCALE-FREE PROPERTIES

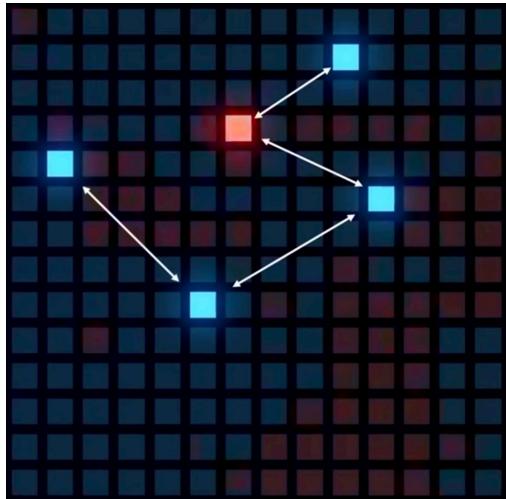
- 在临界点附近，系统表现出无特征尺度 (Scale-free)。



CRITICAL PHENOMENA

CORRELATION LENGTH

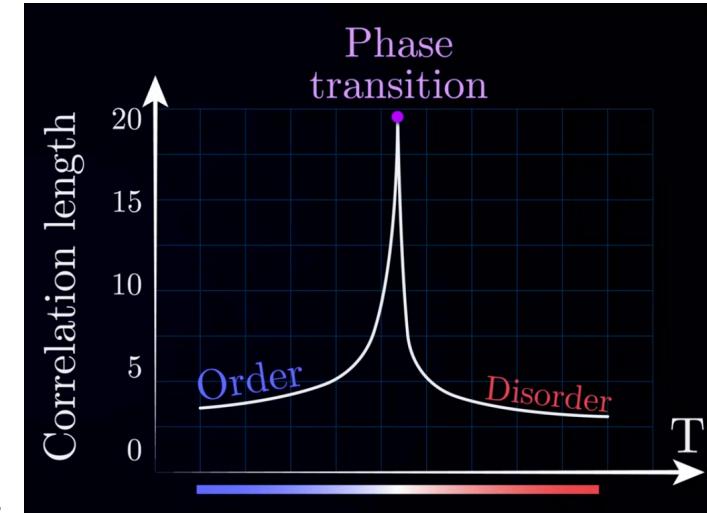
- 系统中两个点之间的关联强度。



- Critical Phenomena - 共形不变性
 - 在临界点附近，系统表现出**共形不变性** (Conformal Invariance)。
 - Smirnov (2010 fields prize)

For his work on the mathematical foundations of statistical physics, proving the **conformal invariance of the Ising model**.

— The Fields Medal 2010 Citation

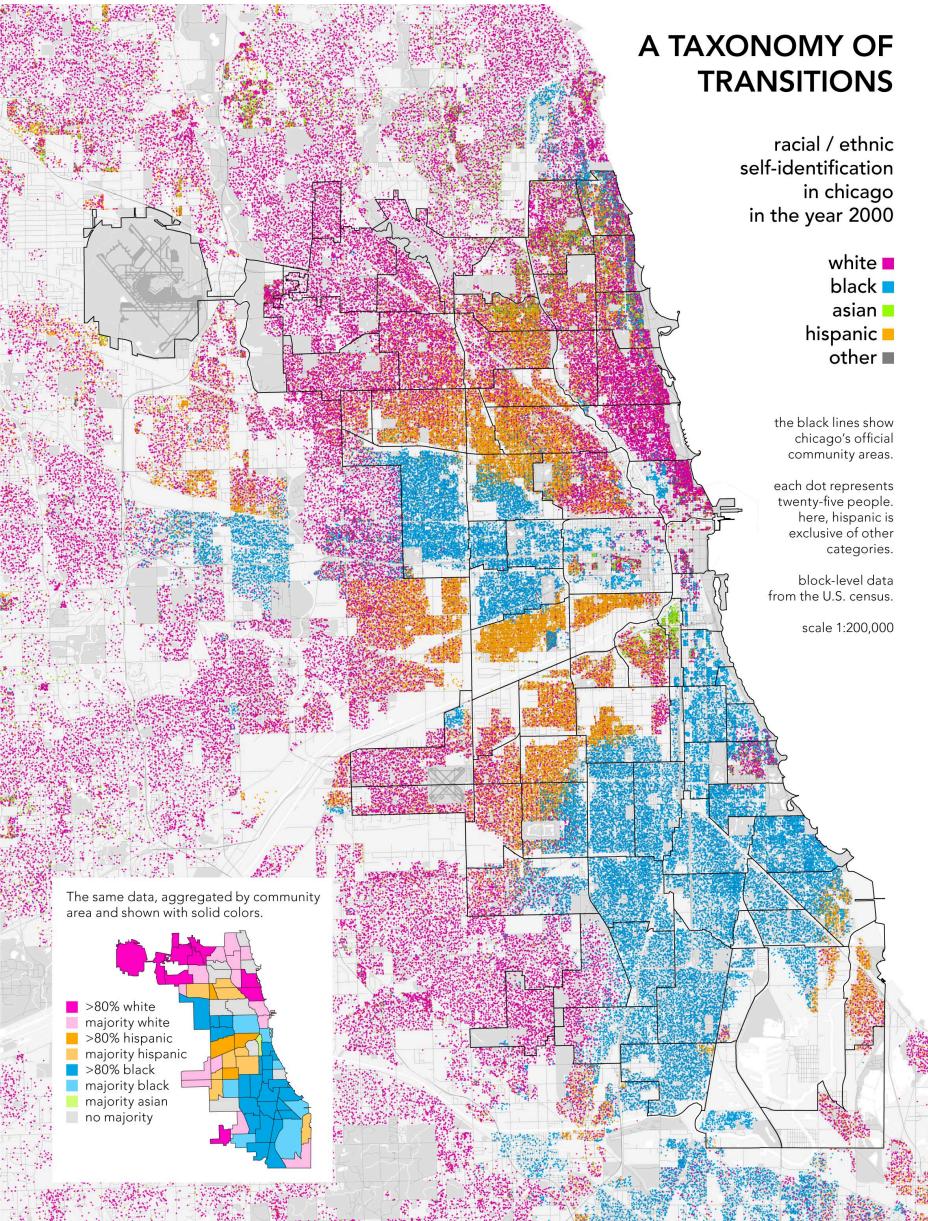


EXTENSIONS

- Ising Model → Hopfield network (1982)
 - John Hopfield 将 Ising model 用于理解记忆，创建了第一个神经网络。
 - 损失函数 $E = \sum w_{ij}s_i s_j$
 - 连接权重 w_{ij} 对应于 Ising 模型中的相互作用强度。
 - 存储记忆模式作为能量最小化的稳定态。
- 重整化, 重整化群, 重整化流 (Renormalization, Renormalization Group, Renormalization Flow)
 - Kenneth G. Wilson
- Spin glass model - Giorgio Parisi
- Junyi Gao, Joerg Heintz, Christina Mack, Lucas Glass, Adam Cross, Jimeng Sun (2023). Evidence-driven spatiotemporal COVID-19 hospitalization prediction with Ising dynamics. *Nature Communications*.

SCHELLING MODEL

BACKGROUND



- Observation
 - 极度隔离：白人(粉)、黑人(蓝)、拉美裔(橙) 界限分明。
 - 尖锐边界：几乎没有“混合区”，宛如一道无形的墙。
- 隔离的代价 (Consequences)
 - 资源不平等：美国学区房制度 → 教育隔离。
 - 贫困代际传递：医疗、治安、就业机会的空间剥夺。
- 传统社会学的解释 (Structural Explanations)
 - 宏观政策：吉姆·克劳法 (Jim Crow Laws), 红线政策 (Redlining)。
 - 核心假设：极端的宏观结果 = 极端的宏观政策 + 极端的种族歧视。
- The Puzzle
 - 法律隔离已废除 (Civil Rights Act 1964)，为何事实上的隔离依然顽固？
 - 关键问题：宏观隔离是否由微观动机产生？

SCHELLING MODEL

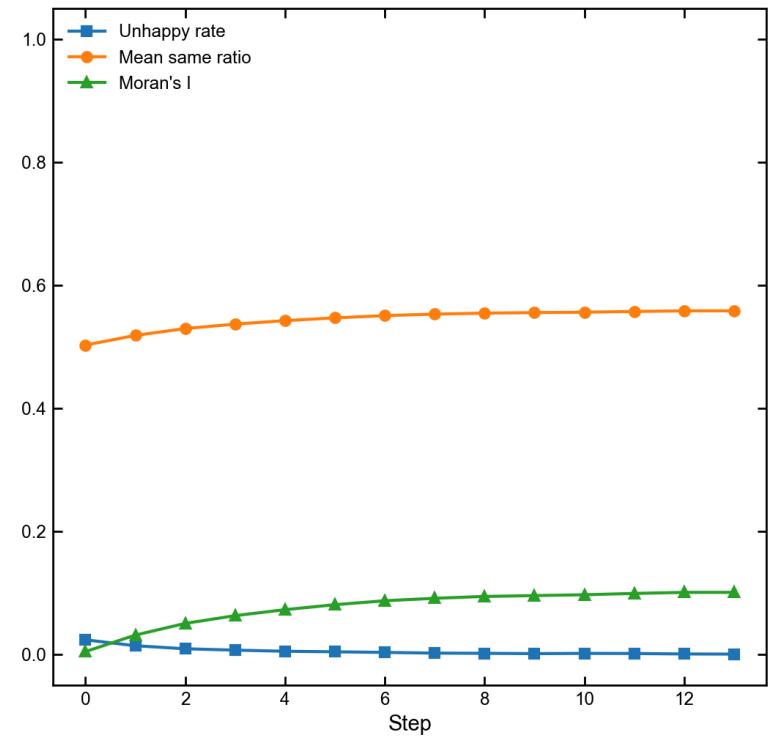
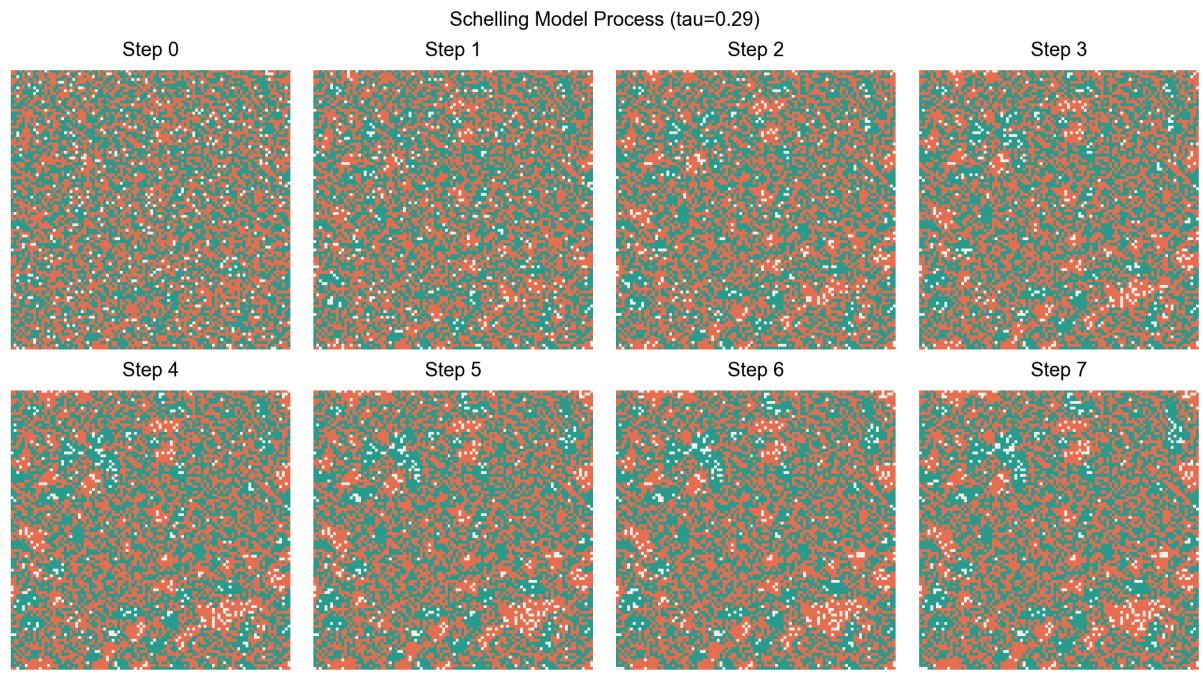
1. Historical Context

- James Sakoda (1949)
 - Dissertation: “Minidoka: An Analysis of Changing Patterns of Social Interaction”.
 - 早期的棋盘模型 (Checkerboard Model), 虽早于 Schelling 20 年, 但长期被忽视。
- Thomas Schelling (1971)
 - Dynamic Models of Segregation, Journal of Mathematical Sociology.
 - Micromotives and Macrobbehavior (1978).
- 第一个真正意义上大规模、多变量、完全基于计算机的社会科学 ABM
 - Growing Artificial Societies: Social Science from the Bottom Up (1996) - Epstein & Axtell
 - Sugarscape 模型

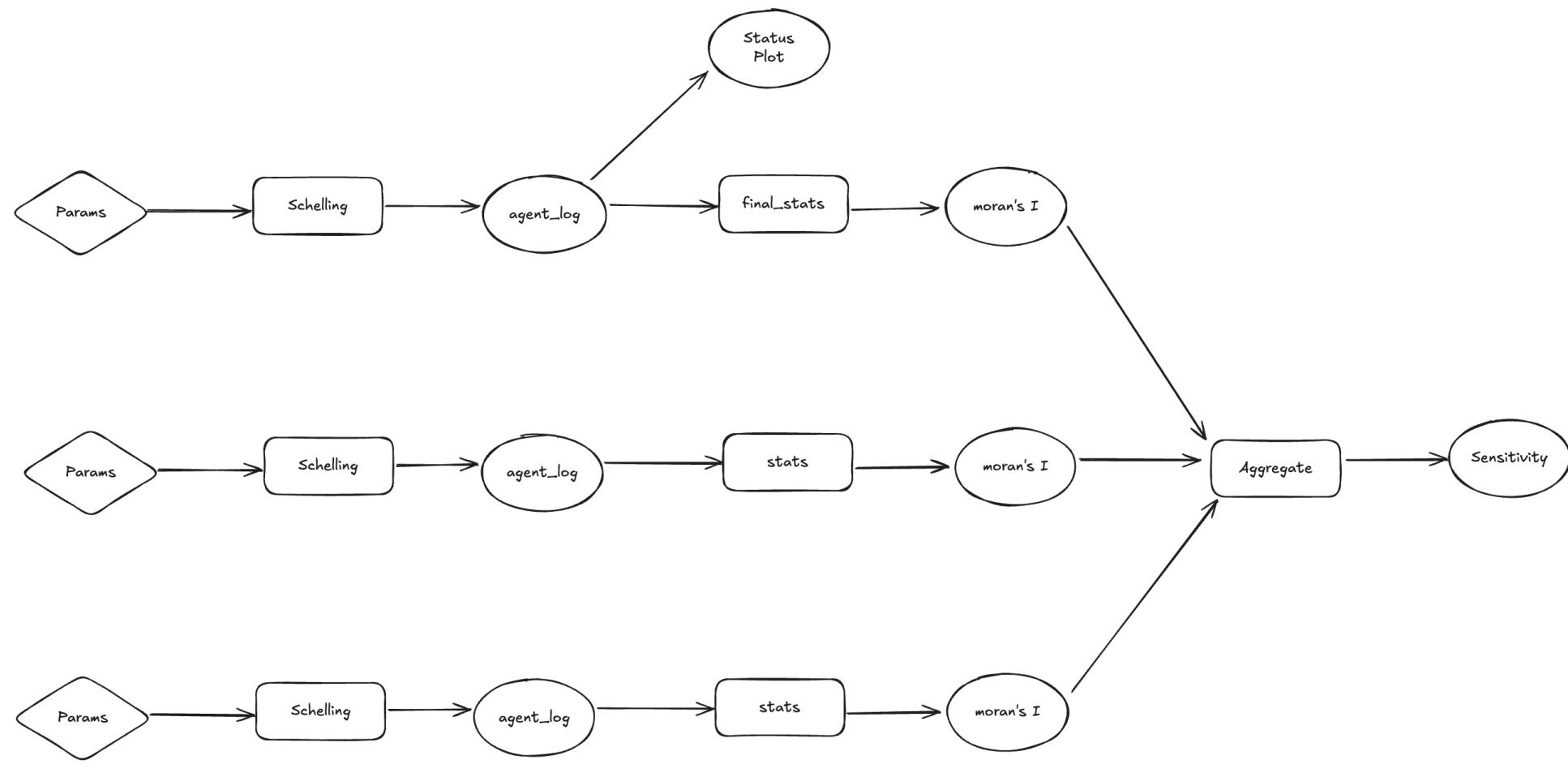
2. Formal Definition

- Environment (环境):
 - $N \times N$ 网格 (Grid), 通常为环面 (Torus)。
- Agents (智能体):
 - 两类群体: $S \in \{\text{Red}, \text{Blue}\}$ 。
 - 网格中包含一定比例的空地 (Empty/Void)。
- 交互:
 - Moore Neighborhood: 周围 8 个格子 (上下左右+对角)。
 - Rule: Utility Function (效用规则):
 - 设定阈值 (Threshold) T
 - 计算同类比例 $f = \frac{\text{Same Color Neighbors}}{\text{Total Neighbors}}$.
 - 状态判定:
 - IF $f \geq T \rightarrow \text{Happy} (\text{Satisfied})$.
 - IF $f < T \rightarrow \text{Unhappy} (\text{Dissatisfied})$.
- 动作:
 - 每个 Time Step, 随机选取 Unhappy Agent.
 - Move: 移动到网格中随机的一个空地 (通常要求该空地能使其 Happy)。
- NetLogo 实现: [Schelling Model](#)

PROCESS VISUALIZATION

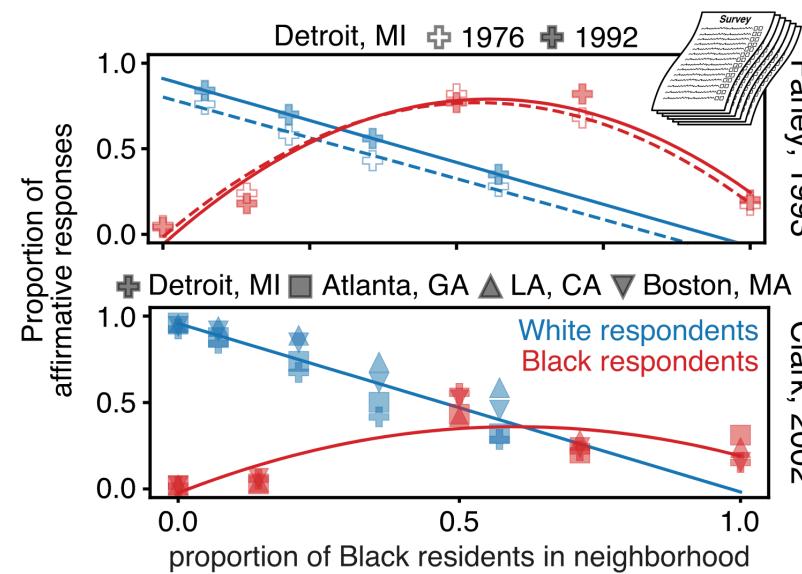
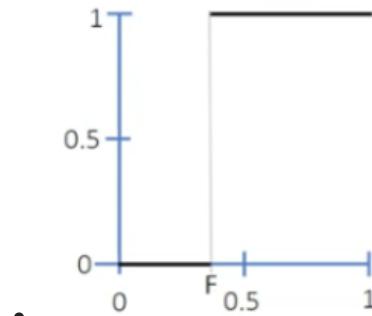


SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS



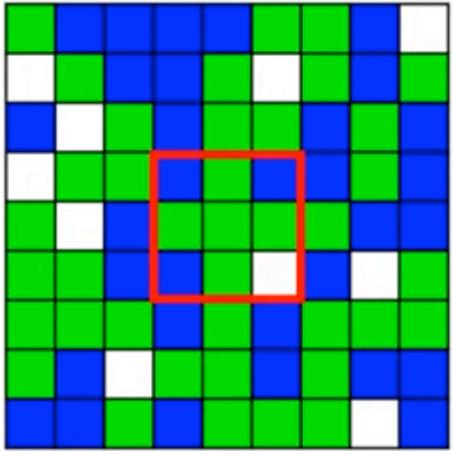
SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

- 参数:
 - 宏观: 网格大小 (Grid Size); 人口密度 (Population Density)
 - 微观: 偏好阈值 (Preference Threshold, t), 邻域定义 (Neighborhood Definition), 移动规则 (Movement Rule)
- 偏好阈值 (t): 智能体对邻居构成比例的接受度。

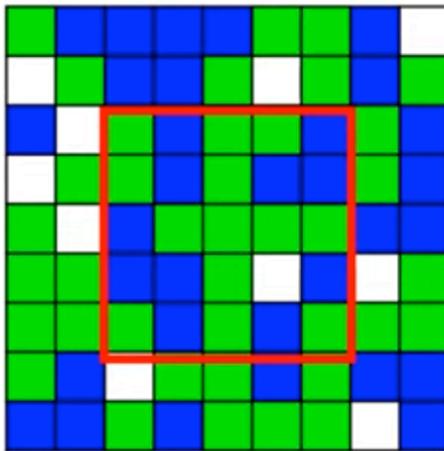


- Neighborhood Definition:

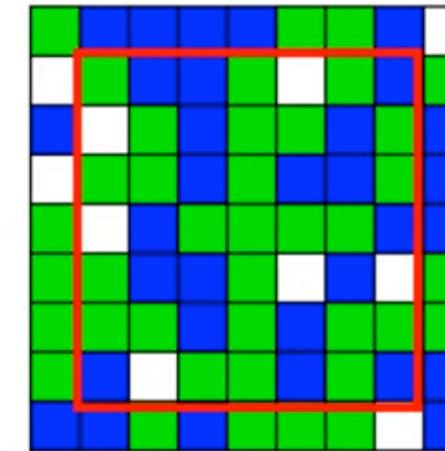
(3 by 3 neighborhood)



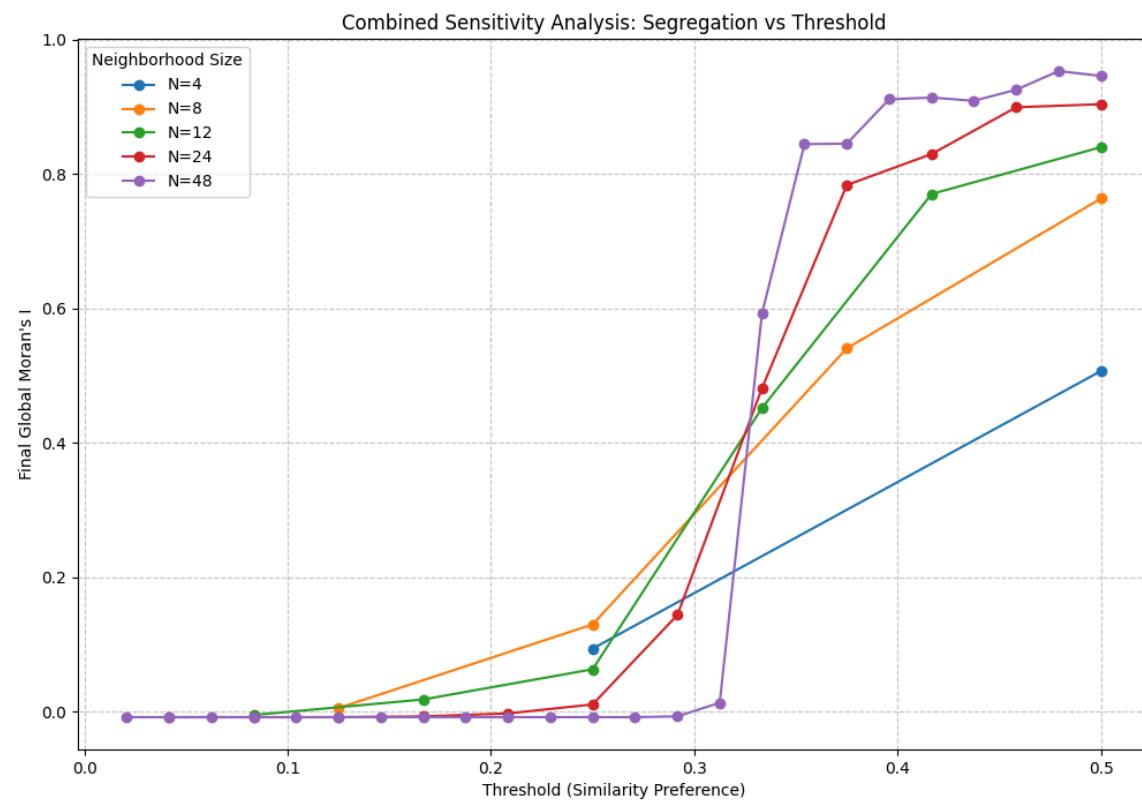
(5 by 5 neighborhood)



(7 by 7 neighborhood)



THE DYNAMICS OF SEGREGATION



- Key insights:
 - 涌现 (Emergence): 微观的偏好导致宏观的隔离。
 - 反直觉的 临界点 (Tipping Point): 非常温和的偏好 ($t = 33\%$)，就会导致高度隔离。
- Ising Model vs Schelling Model
 - Lattice (物理) \leftrightarrow Grid/City (社会)
 - Spin (自旋) \leftrightarrow Race/Class (种族/阶层)
 - Energy Minimization (能量极小) \leftrightarrow Happiness Maximization (满意度极大)
 - Temperature (温度/噪音) \leftrightarrow Tolerance/Random Move (随机搬家/容忍度)

EXTENSIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

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THANKS.

TODOS

- Level 1:
 - 对格网大小和人口密度进行敏感性分析 (Sensitivity Analysis)。
 - 比较在不同邻域定义下，格网大小和人口密度对隔离程度的影响。
- Level 2:
 - 给mesa github 提交pull request，添加schelling model中对tolerance threshold的敏感性分析。