

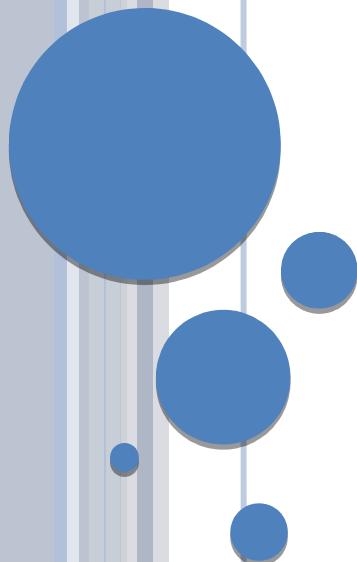


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DOES NETWORK RECIPROCITY PROMOTE COOPERATION? - EXPERIMENTS WITH HUMAN SUBJECTS -



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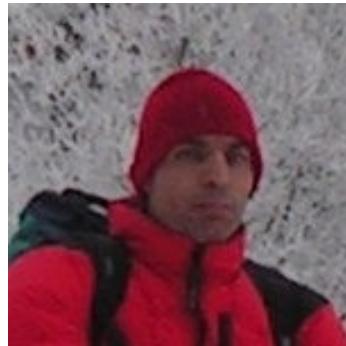
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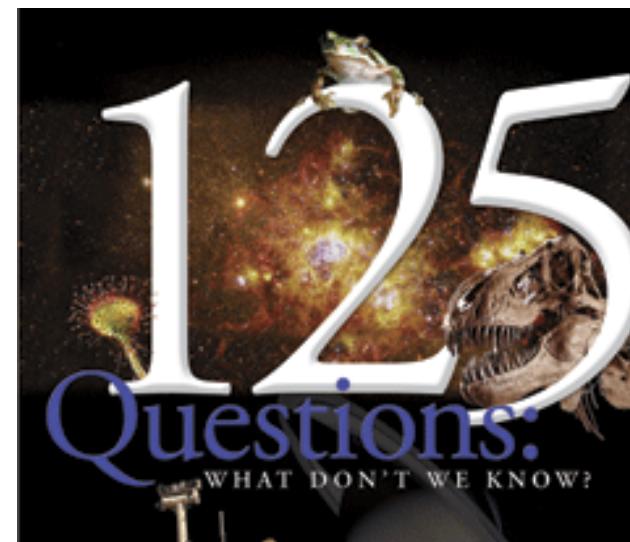


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THE PUZZLE OF COOPERATION

- Charles Darwin (1896): “If it could be proved that any part of the structure of any one species had been formed for the exclusive good of another species, **it would annihilate my theory**, for such could not have been produced through natural selection.”
- Robert May (2005): “**The most important unanswered question in evolutionary biology**, and more generally in the social sciences, is how cooperative behavior evolved and can be maintained in human or other animal groups and societies”

- Cooperation is costly – lower fitness
- Defectors more likely to evolve
- However, it is everywhere
 - Genomes
 - Cells
 - Multicellular organisms
 - Human and animal societies



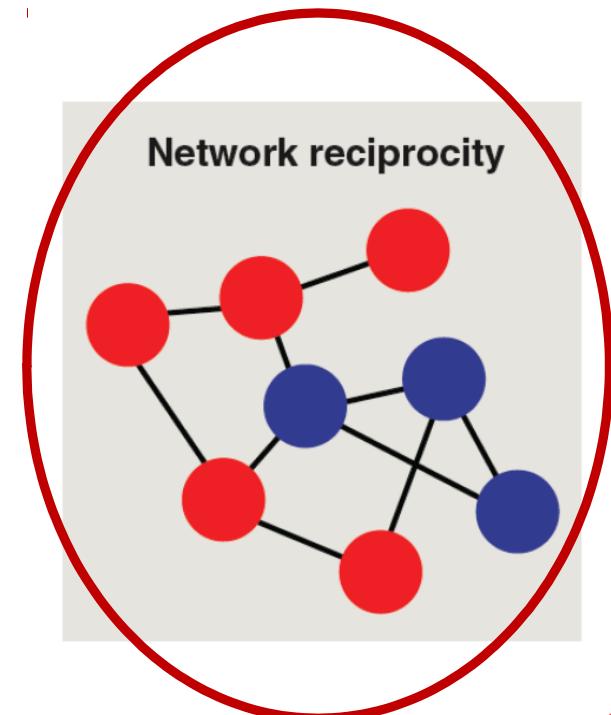
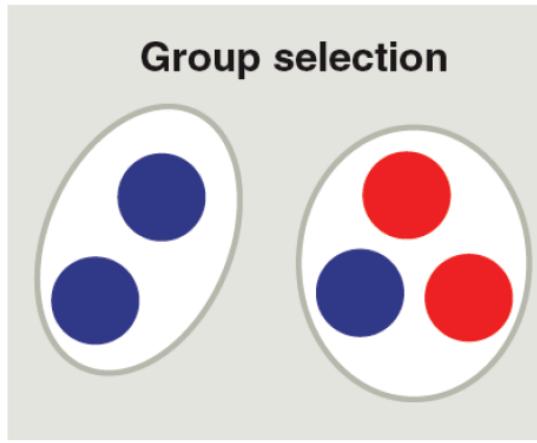
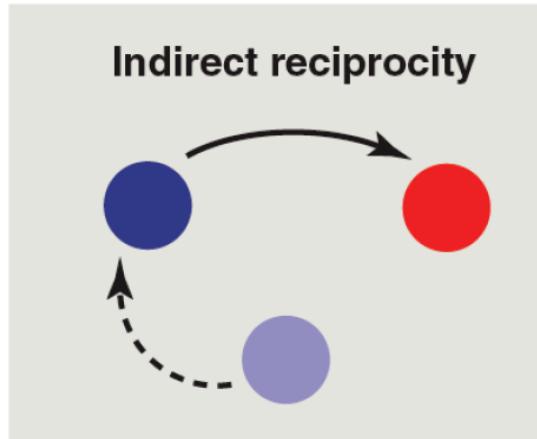
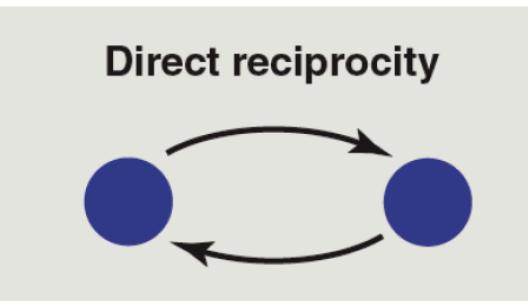
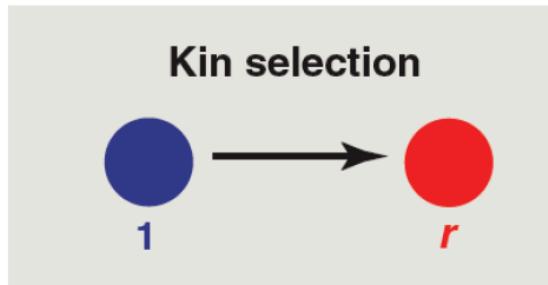
PRISONER'S DILEMMA

	C	D
C	R, R	S, T
D	T, S	P, P

$$T > R > P \geq S$$

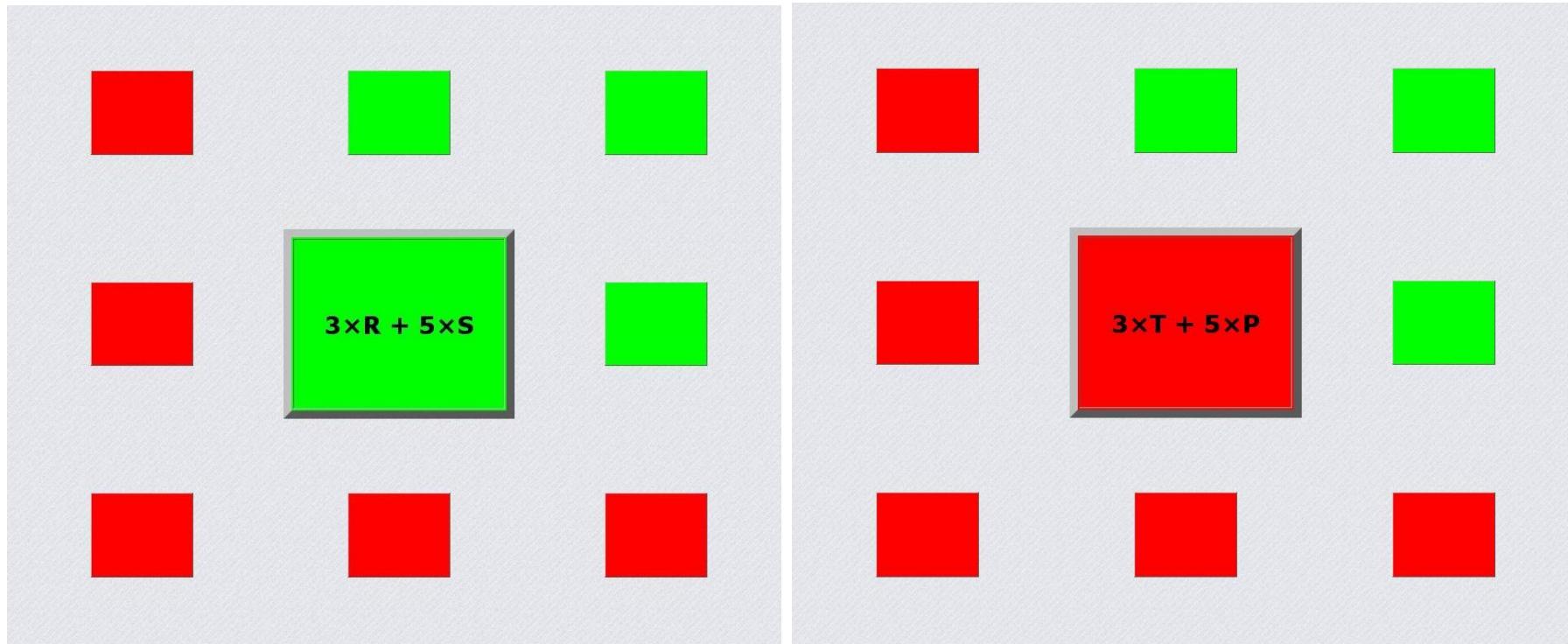
- Temptation to defect
- Reward for mutual cooperation
- Punishment for mutual defection
- Sucker's payoff
- For iterated: $T + S < 2R$

FIVE RULES FOR THE EVOLUTION OF COOPERATION

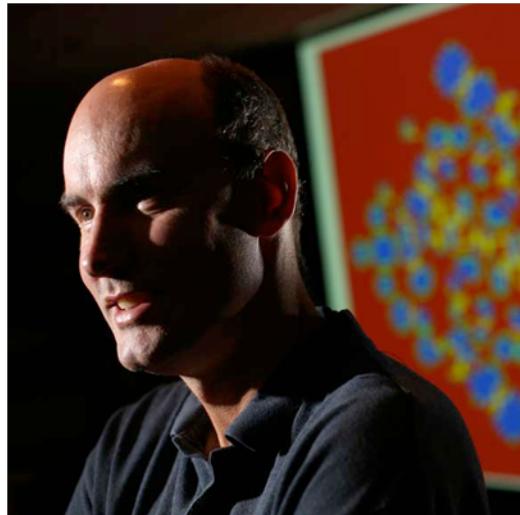


Nowak, *Science* (2006)

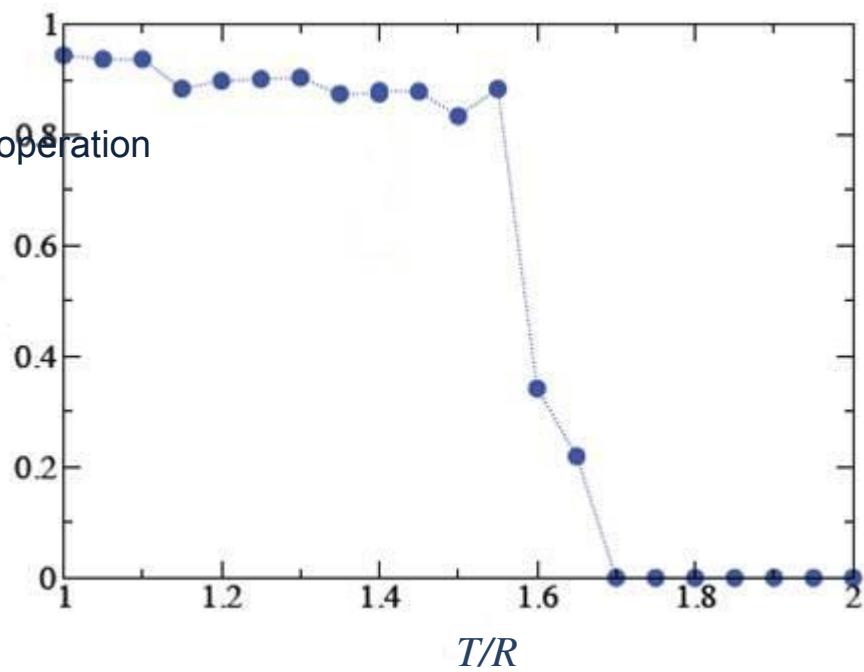
SPATIAL GAMES



- Cooperate
- Defect

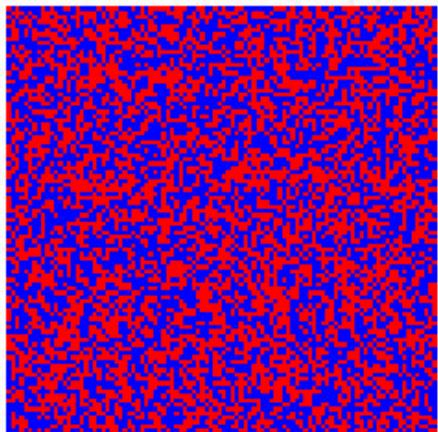


asymptotic cooperation

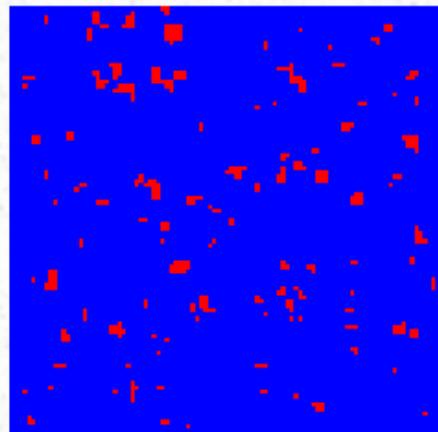


Unconditional imitation - copying the best neighbor

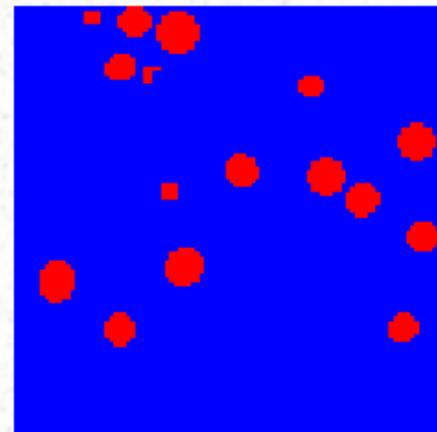
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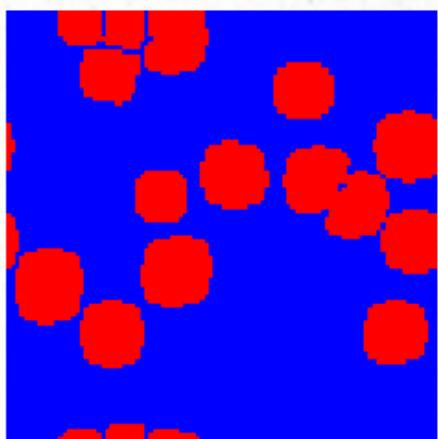
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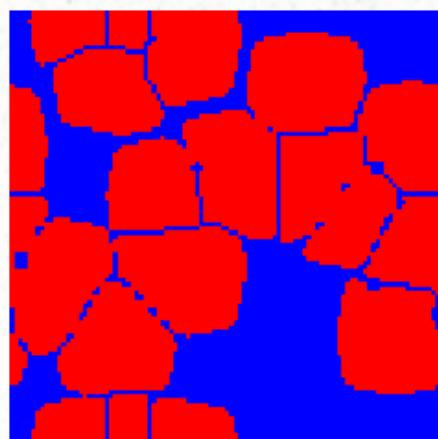
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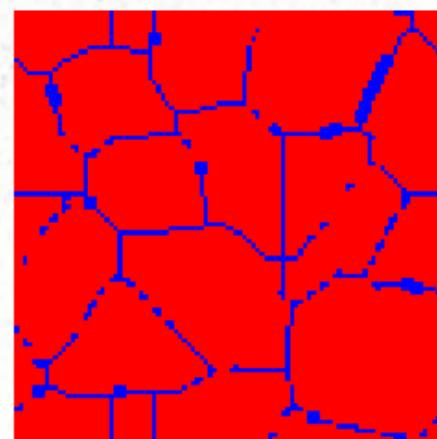
$t = 4$



$t = 9$



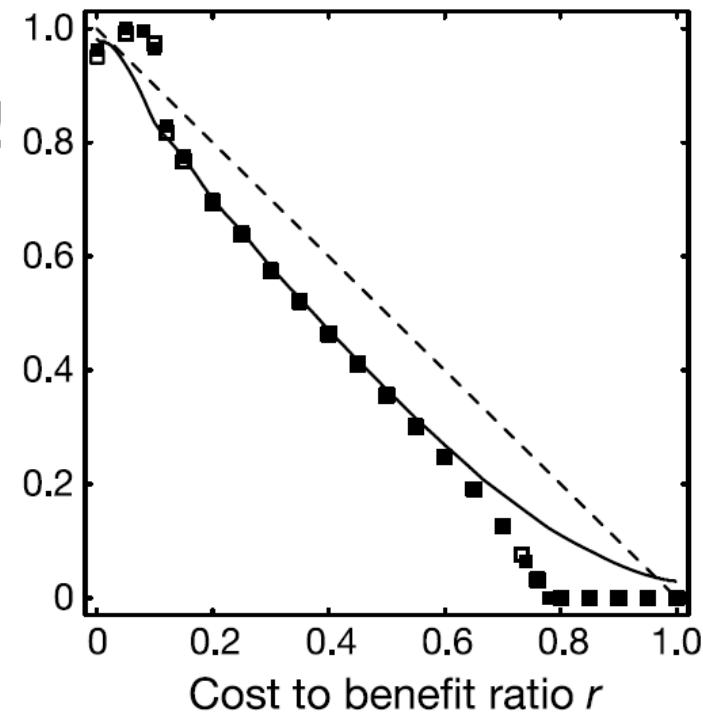
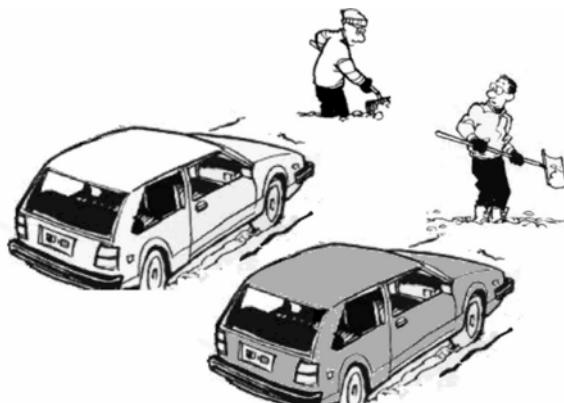
$t = 18$



$t = 35$

HAUERT AND DOEBELI, NATURE (2004)

- Snowdrift game
- Two drivers trapped on opposite sides of snowdrift
- $T > R > S > P$
- No promotion of cooperation!



PROMOTES COOPERATION OR NOT!?

- It is the update mechanism
- Replicator rule – the higher the payoff the higher the chance of imitation
- Roca et al. *Phys. Life Rev.* (2009)
- Theoretical work not conclusive
- Experiments needed!
- Known experiments:
 - Cassar, *Games Econ. Behav.* (2007)
 - Kirchkamp and Nagel, *Games Econ. Behav.* (2007)
 - Traulsen et al., *PNAS* (2010)
- Networks sizes < 18 nodes

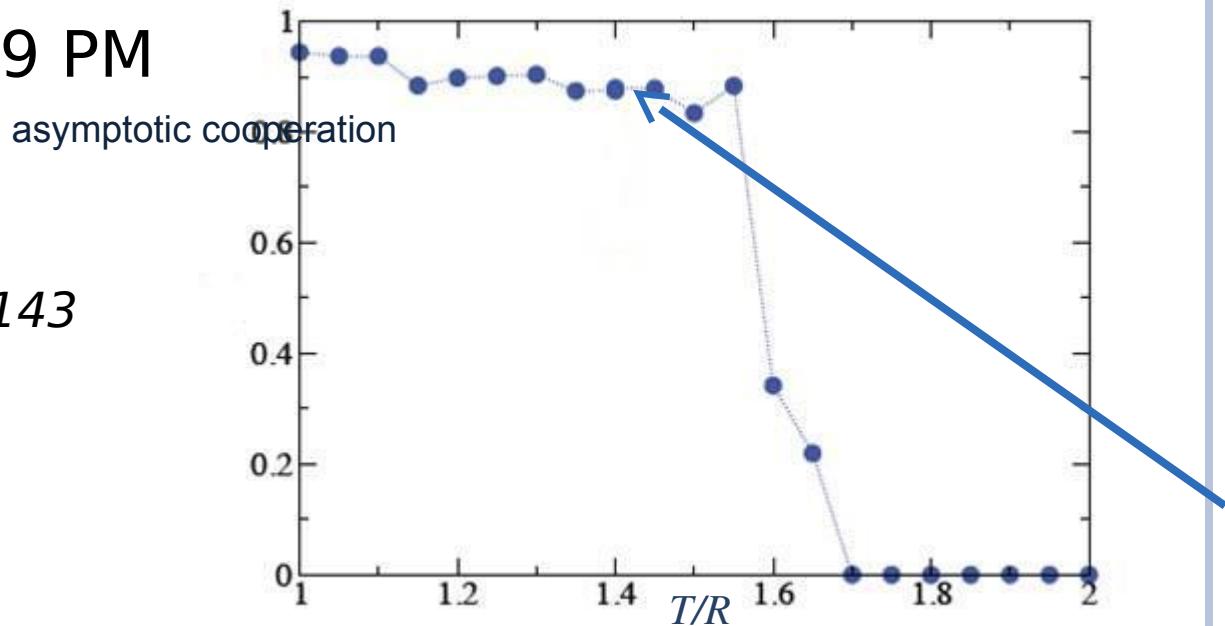
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

- Large experiments are organizationally difficult
- Z-Tree cannot handle 200 users at the same time
- I had to develop a new software for the experiment
- Problems:
 - Local network of 200 machines with special software
 - Concurrency Problems
 - Server overload
- Solutions
 - PHP, javascript – (Opera, Kiosk mode)
 - Background program – Python
 - Parameters of the server
 - Testing with robots

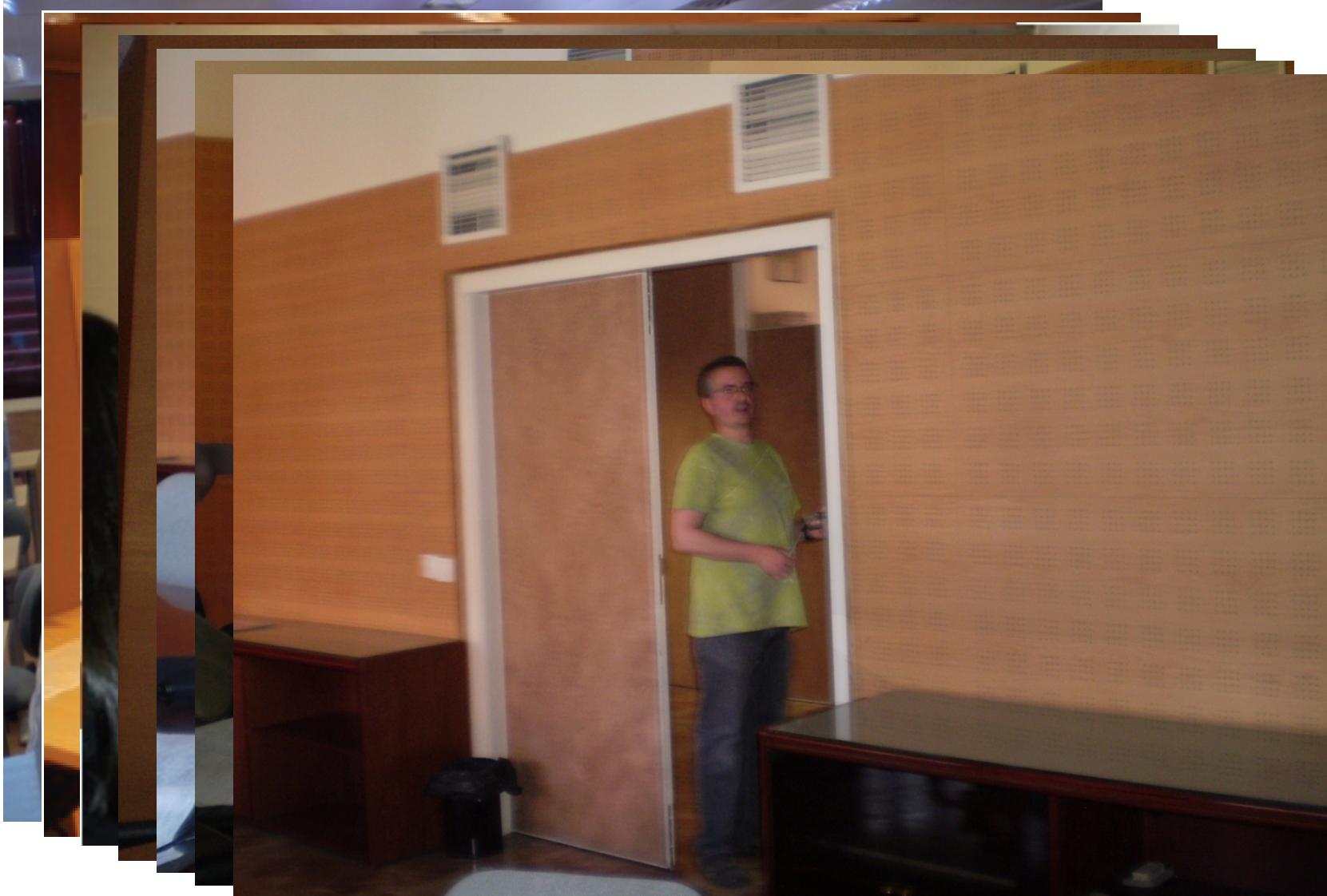
EXPERIMENT

- 169 players
- Undergraduate students UC3M, Campus Leganés
- 40% female, 60% male
- 20 assistants, 10 computer rooms, 2 buildings
- From 9 AM till 9 PM

In our Experiment:
 $T/R = 10/7 \approx 1,42857143$

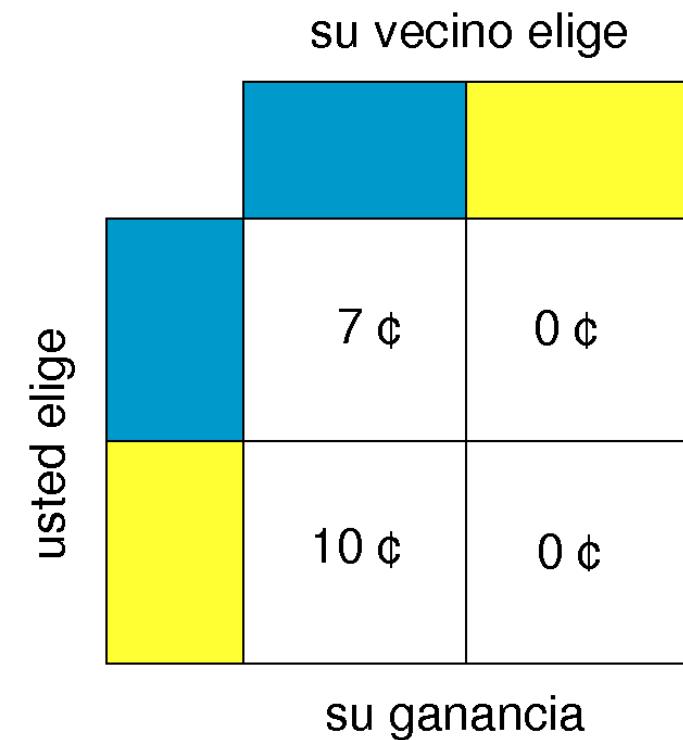
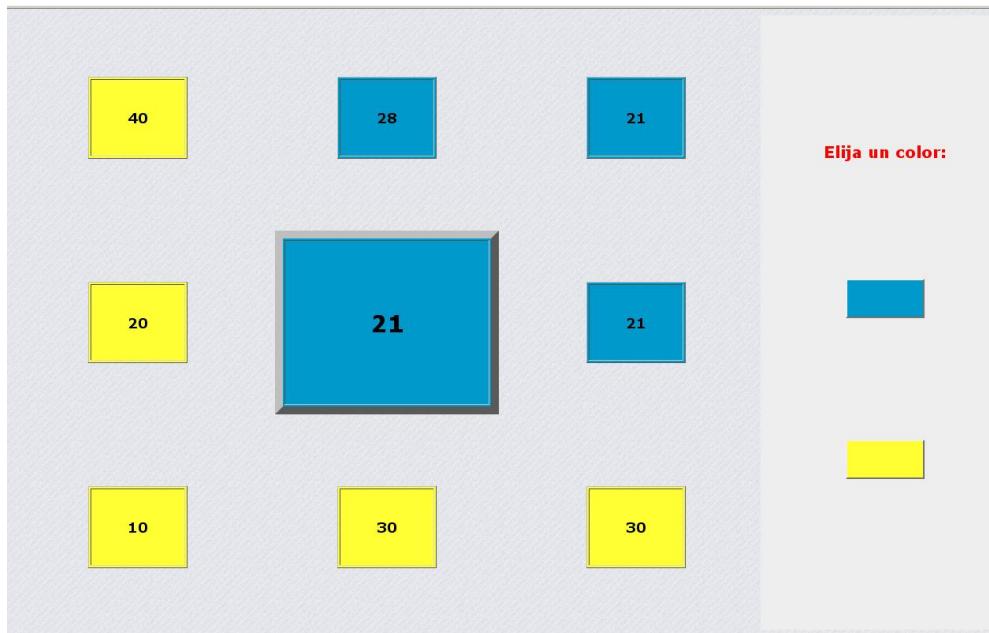


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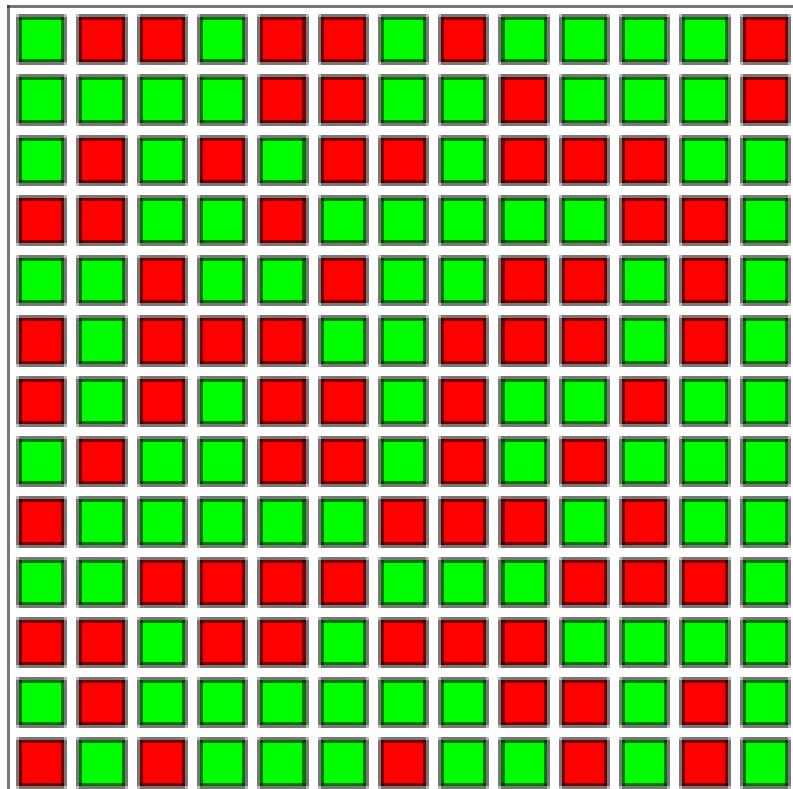


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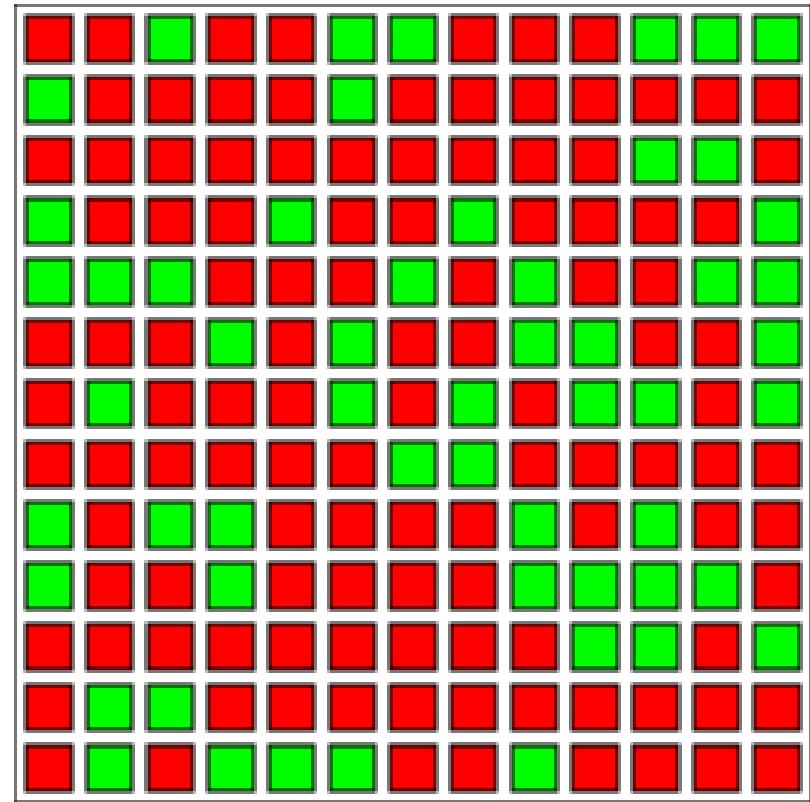
- Lattice 13x13, periodic boundary conditions
- Login → Tutorial → Experiment → Control → Experiment → Questionnaire



MOVIES

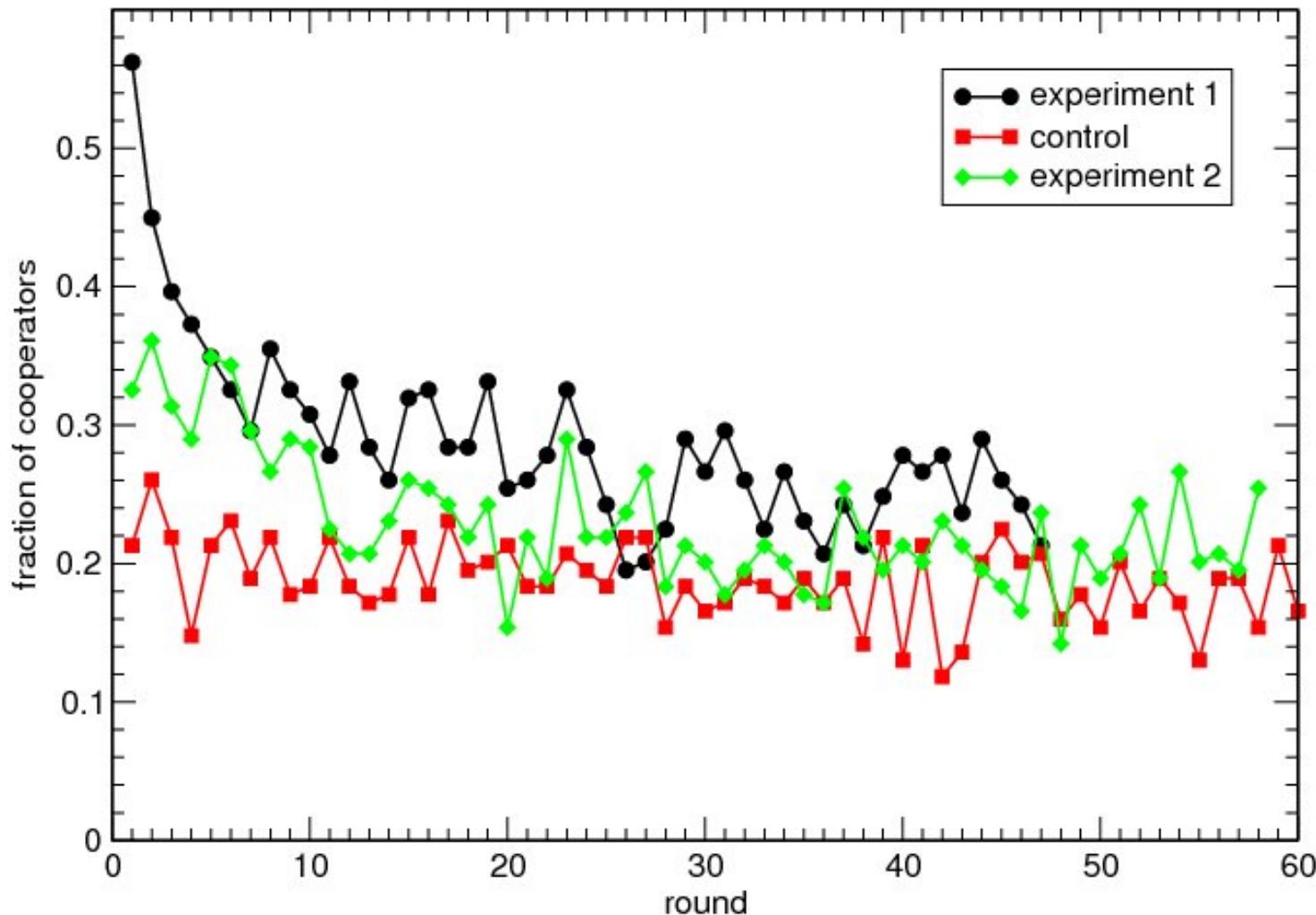


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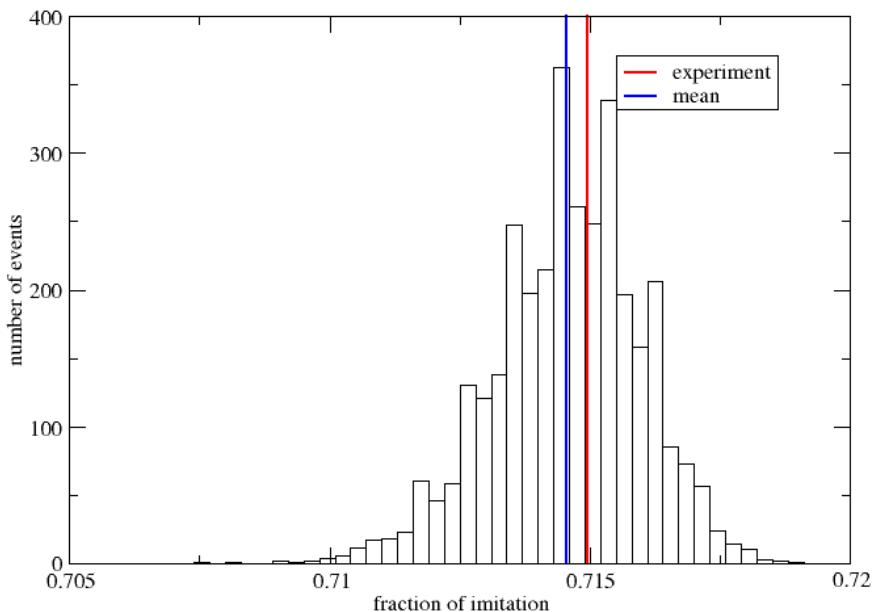
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FRACTION OF COOPERATION



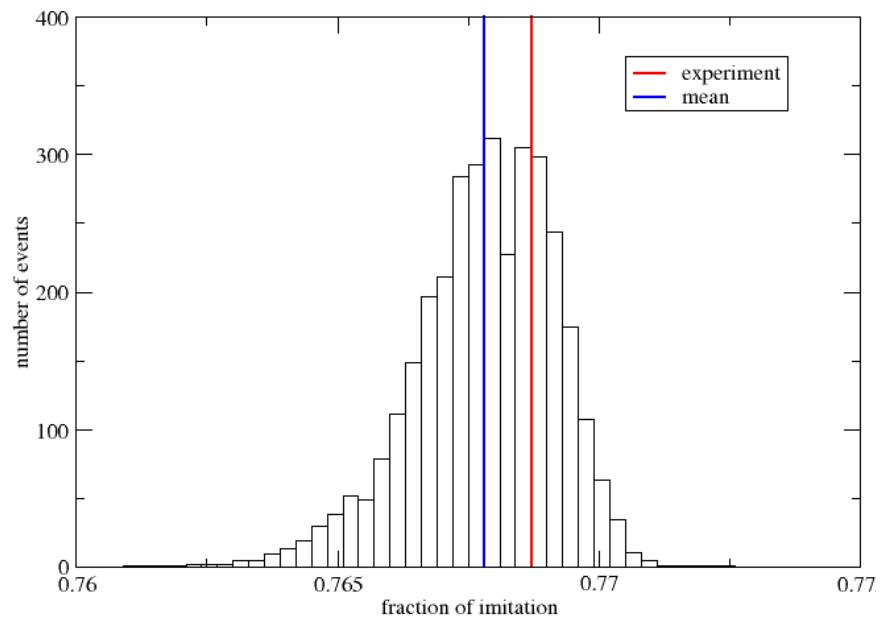
UNCONDITIONAL IMITATION

Experiment 1



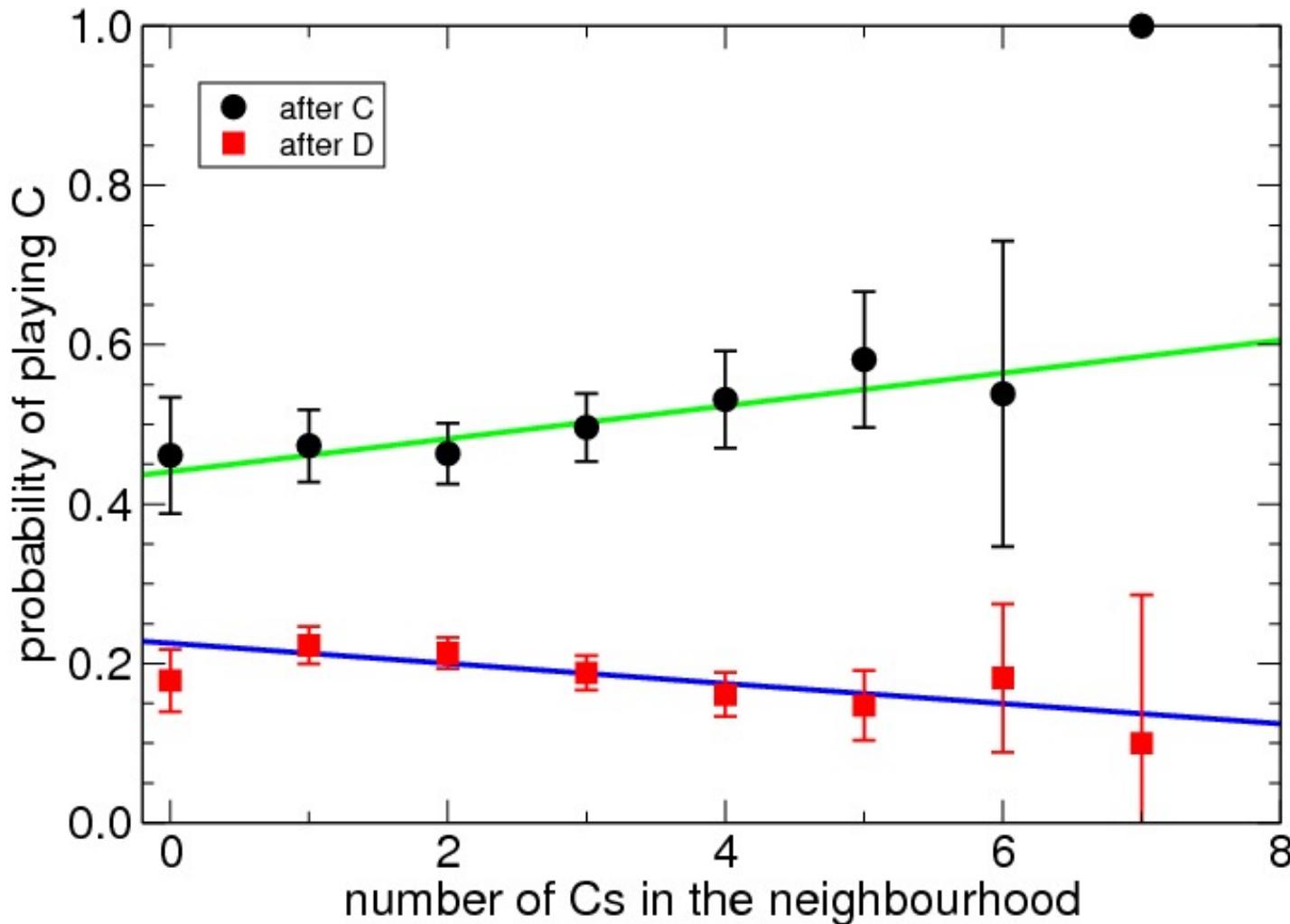
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random = 0.7145 ± 0.0014
p-test = 0.425

Experiment 2



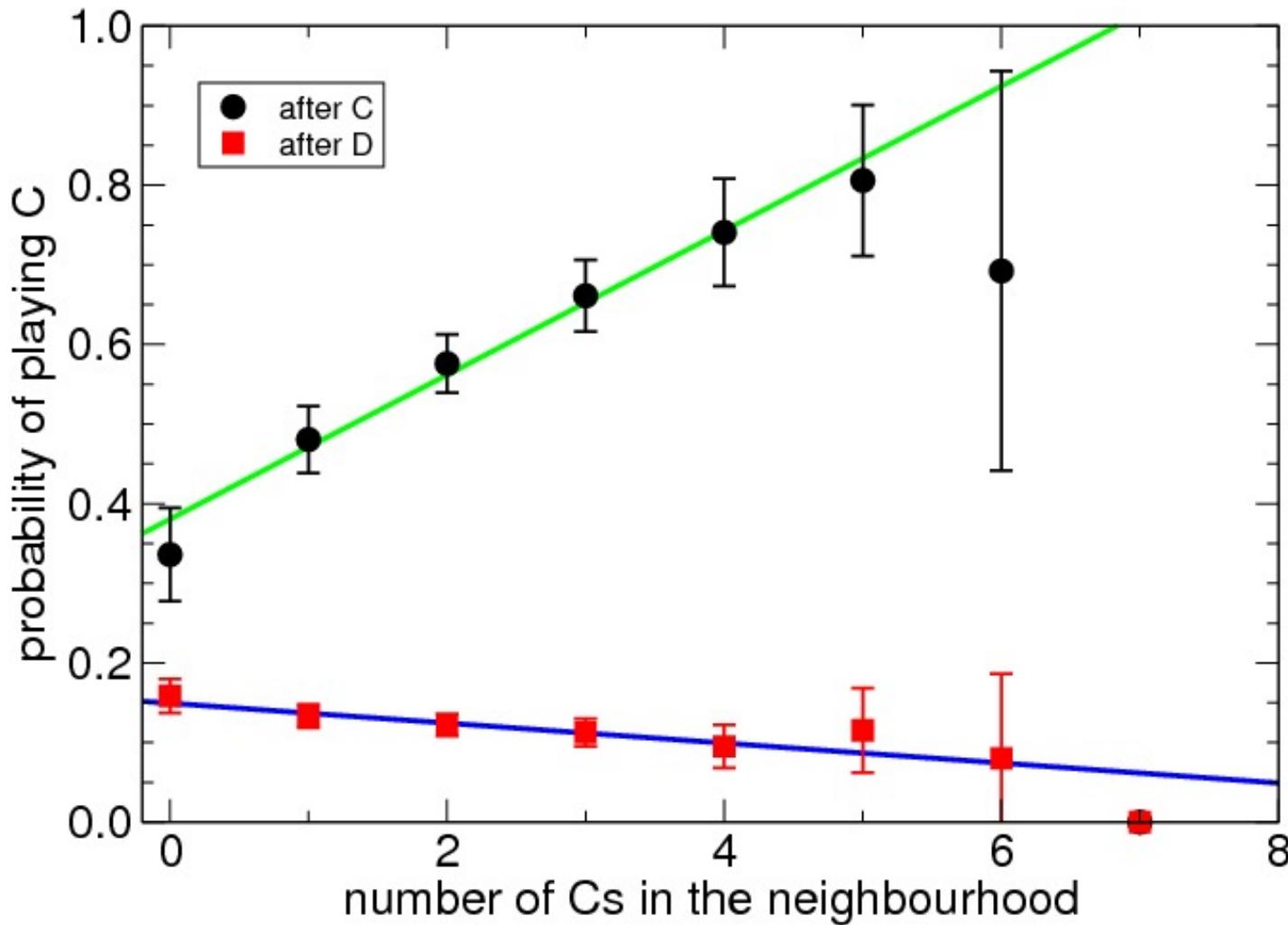
experimental = 0.7687
random = 0.7678 ± 0.0013
p-test = 0.282

PROBABILITY OF COOPERATION EXP1

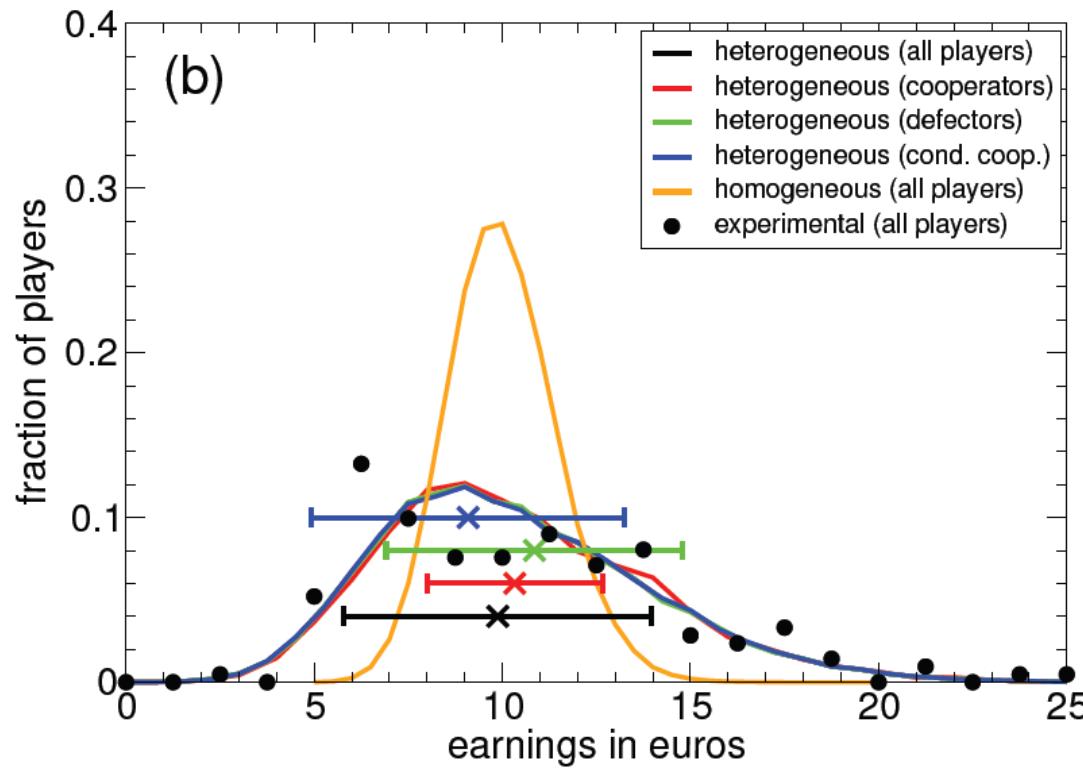


Conditional cooperation, introduced by Fischbacher, Gächter and Fehr (2001)

PROBABILITY OF COOPERATION EXP2



HETEROGENEITY

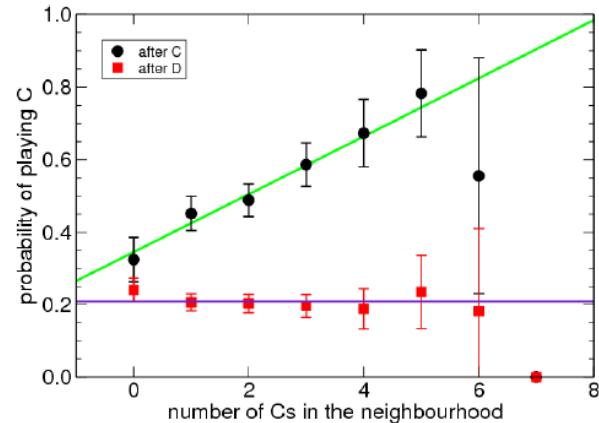


Type of player	Mark	Experiment 1	Control	Experiment 2
Defectors	D	24%	43%	41%
Cooperators	C	1.8%	1.8%	5.3%
Conditional cooperators	X	74%	56%	54%

MODEL

- Low, non zero cooperation
- No unconditional imitation
- Moody conditional cooperators
- Why this heterogeneity?
- Is there an evolutionary explanation?
- For analytics, we start with the simplest case:
 - pairwise prisoner's dilemma
 - Groups of 3, 4, 5
- Replicator dynamics
- Markov chain

REPLICATOR DYNAMICS



Player's action in the previous round	C	C	D	D
Opponent's action in the previous round	C	D	C	D
Type 1: mostly defectors	$1 - p$	$1 - p$	$1 - p$	$1 - p$
Type 2: mostly cooperators	p	p	p	p
Type 3: conditional cooperators	p_{C1}	p_{C0}	p_D	p_D

- Replicator equation:

$$\dot{x}_i = x_i [(\mathbf{A}\vec{x})_i - \vec{x}\mathbf{A}\vec{x}]$$

- What are the frequencies?

PAYOUT MATRIX

- Payoff, expected gain A_{ij}
- How to calculate **A**?
- Pure cooperators and pure defectors ($p=1$)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} P & T & x \\ S & R & x \\ x & x & x \end{bmatrix}$$

- If $p < 1$ what is A_{11}

$$(1 - p)(1 - p)R + (1 - p)pS + p(1 - p)T + ppP$$

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TRANSITION PROBABILITY MATRIX

		C C	C D	D C	D D
		M ₁₁	M ₁₂	M ₁₃	M ₁₄
		M ₂₁	M ₂₂	M ₂₃	M ₂₄
D	C	M ₃₁	M ₃₂	M ₃₃	M ₃₄
D	D	M ₄₁	M ₄₂	M ₄₃	M ₄₄

- Transition probability matrix of a Markov chain
- M_{31} is probability that if focal player played D and his opponent played C, they will both play C in the next round

TRANSITION PROBABILITY MATRIX

Matrix for D–X interaction:

$$M(1 - 3) = \begin{pmatrix} (1-p)p_{C1} & (1-p)(1-p_{C1}) & pp_{C1} & p(1-p_{C1}) \\ (1-p)p_D & (1-p)(1-p_D) & pp_D & p(1-p_D) \\ (1-p)p_{C0} & (1-p)(1-p_{C0}) & pp_{C0} & p(1-p_{C0}) \\ (1-p)p_D & (1-p)(1-p_D) & pp_D & p(1-p_D) \end{pmatrix}$$

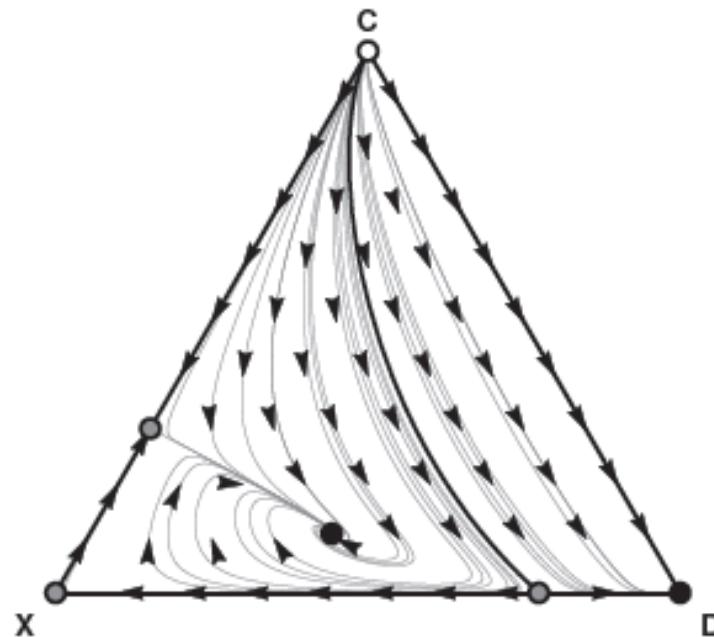
- Stationary probability vector

$$\pi = \pi \mathbf{M}$$

$$\pi = (\pi_{CC}, \pi_{CD}, \pi_{DC}, \pi_{DD})$$

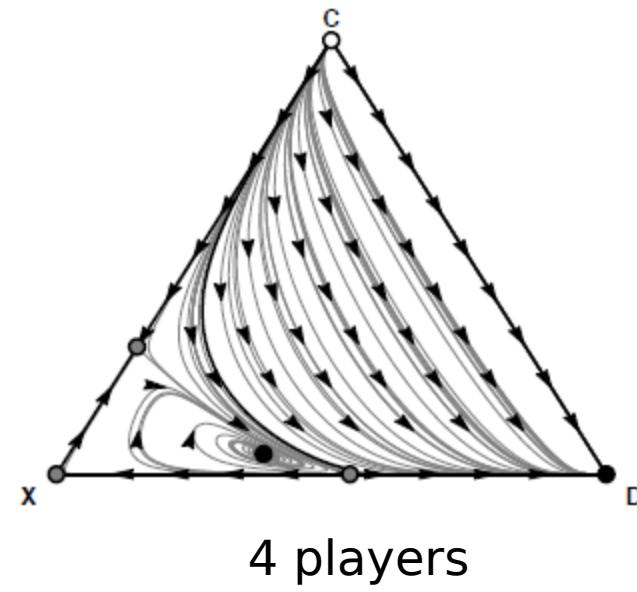
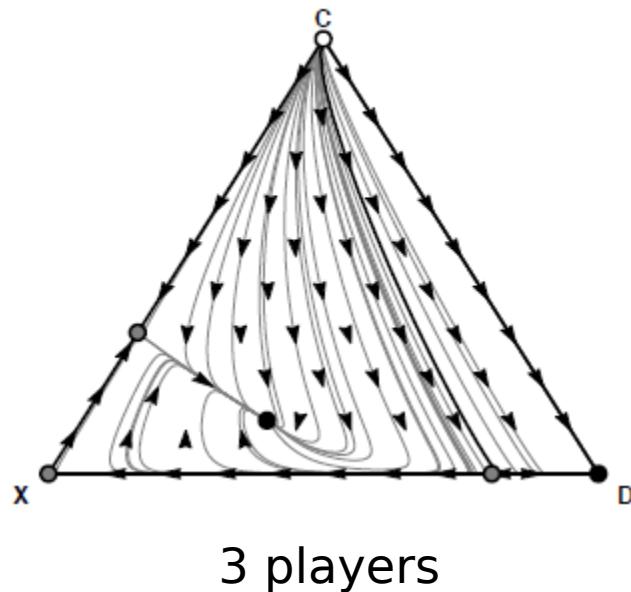
$$A_{ij} = R\pi_{CC} + S\pi_{CD} + T\pi_{DC} + P\pi_{DD}$$

DYNAMICS IN PAIRWISE PRISONER'S DILEMMA



	Defectors	Cooperators	Conditional cooperators
Model	0.39	0.11	0.50
Experiment 1	0.24	0.018	0.74
Experiment 2	0.41	0.053	0.54

MULTIPLAYER'S PRISONER'S DILEMMA



For 5 players is hard to find an interior attractor

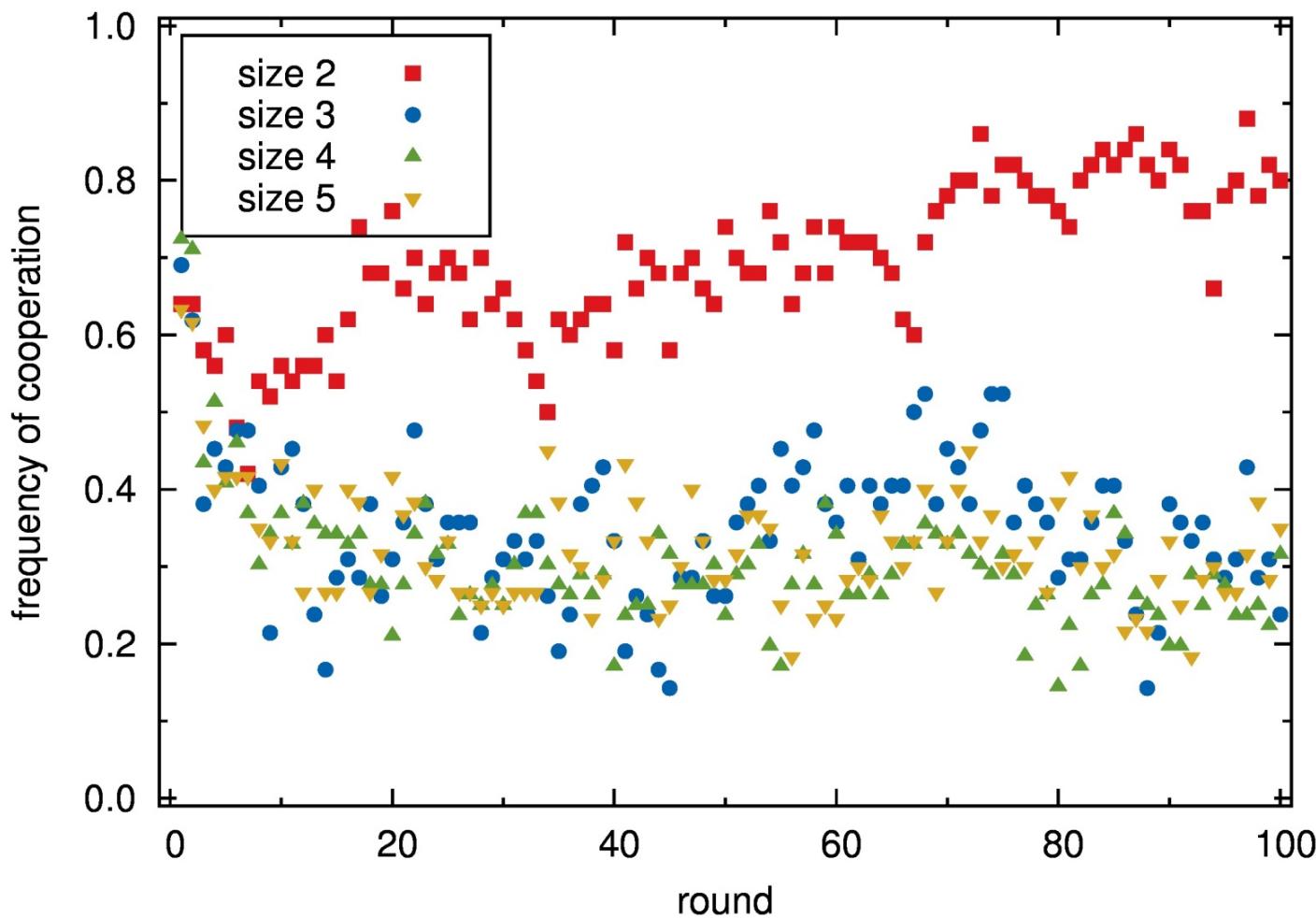
$n \rightarrow \infty$, no interior attractor

GROUPS EXPERIMENT

- Off lattice
- Iterated Multi-Players (2, 3, 4, 5) Prisoner's Dilemma
- 228 subjects in total
- Software in Z-Tree
- Payoffs to obtain similar earnings in all sizes
- 45 min sessions, at 10h, 12h, 14h, 16h, 3 days



COOPERATION LEVEL



OTHER EXPERIMENTS

R. Kümmerli et al. Proc. R. Soc. B, (2007)

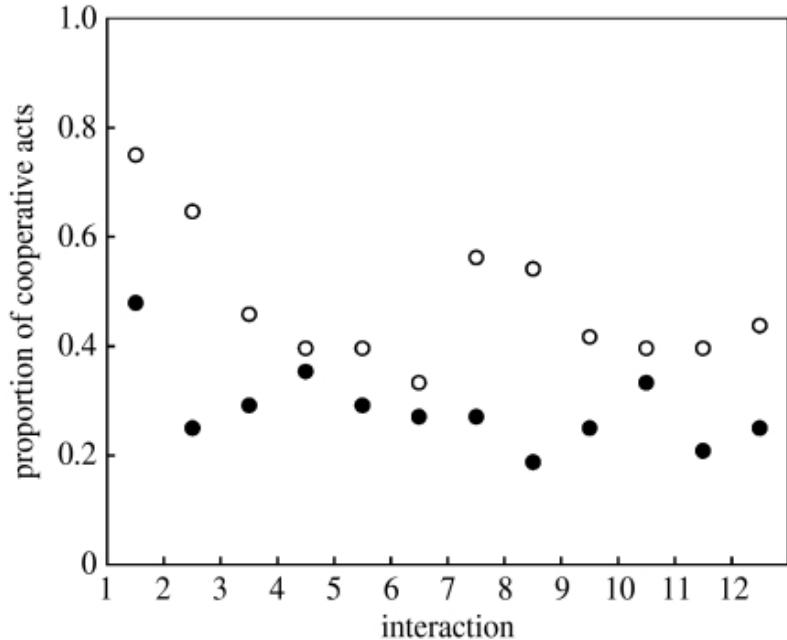
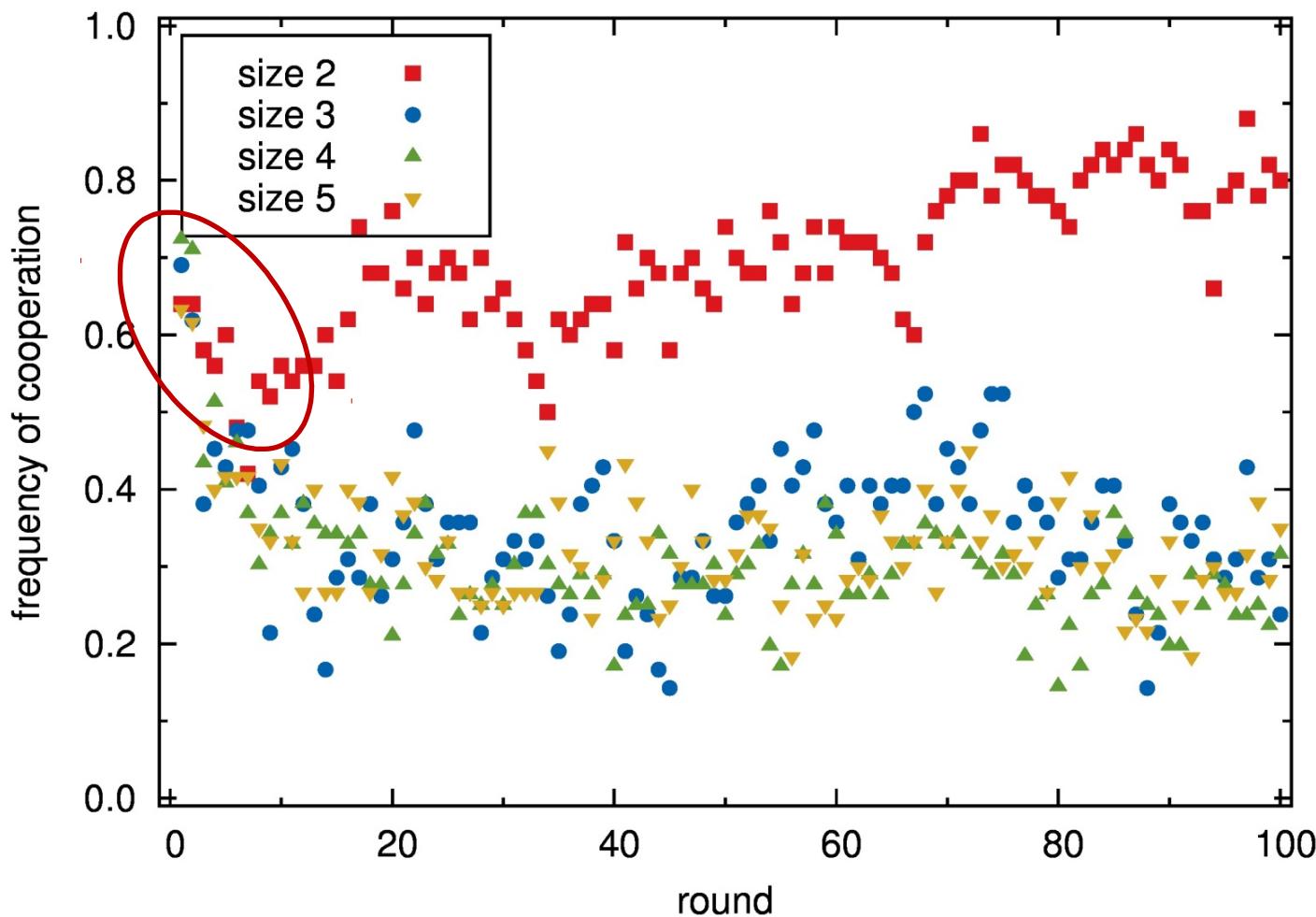


TABLE 6—PERCENTAGE OF COOPERATION BY ROUND AND TREATMENT*

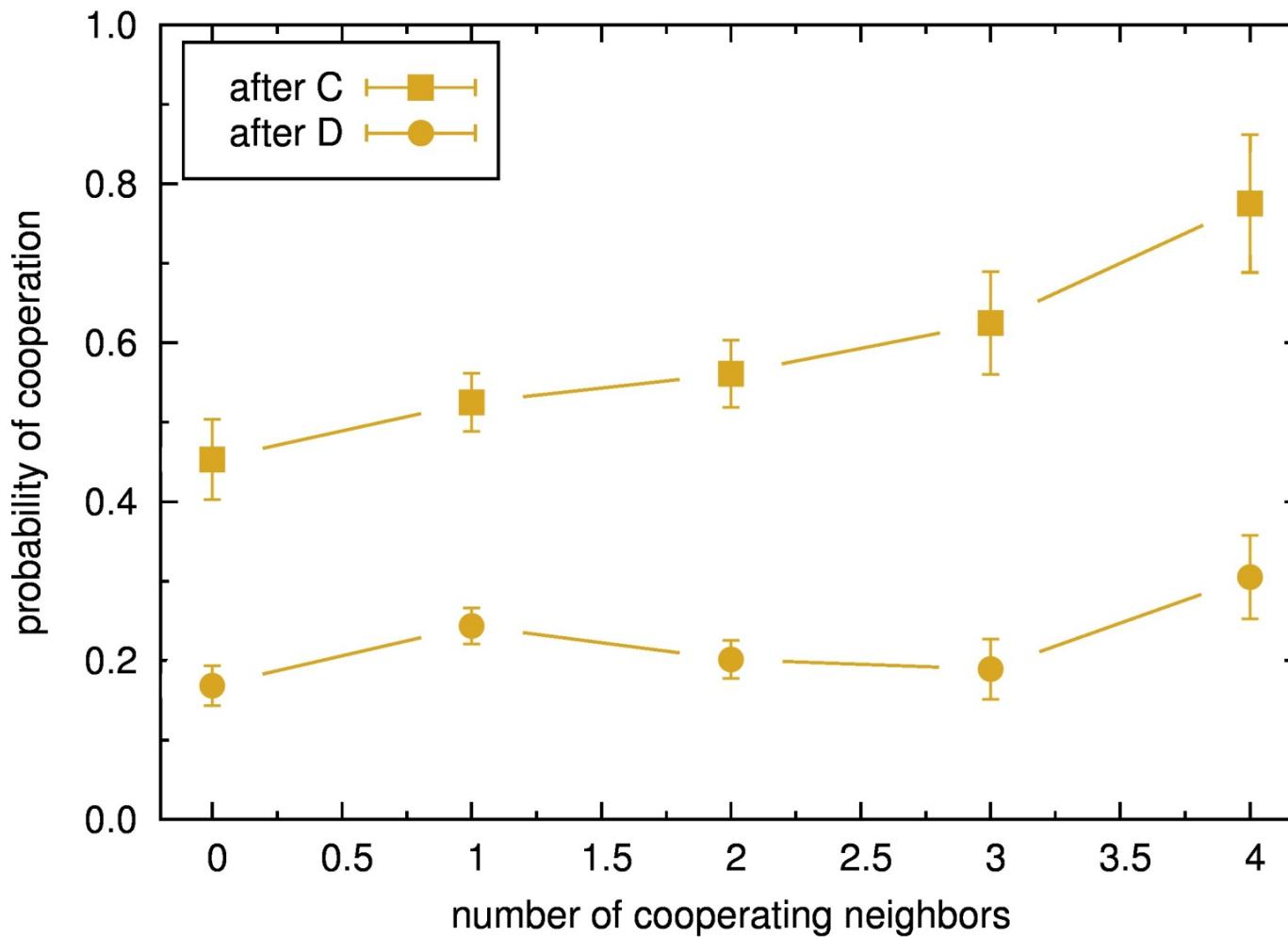
		Round											
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Dice	$\delta = 0$	9.17											
	$\delta = \frac{1}{2}$	30.93	26.10	19.87	12.50	12.96							
	$\delta = \frac{3}{4}$	46.20	40.76	38.76	34.58	33.04	27.27	24.75	26.28	29.17	26.04	32.29	31.25
Finite	$H = 1$	10.34											
	$H = 2$	13.31	6.90										
	$H = 4$	34.58	21.55	18.97	10.63								

P. Dal Bó, Am. Econ. Rev. (2005).

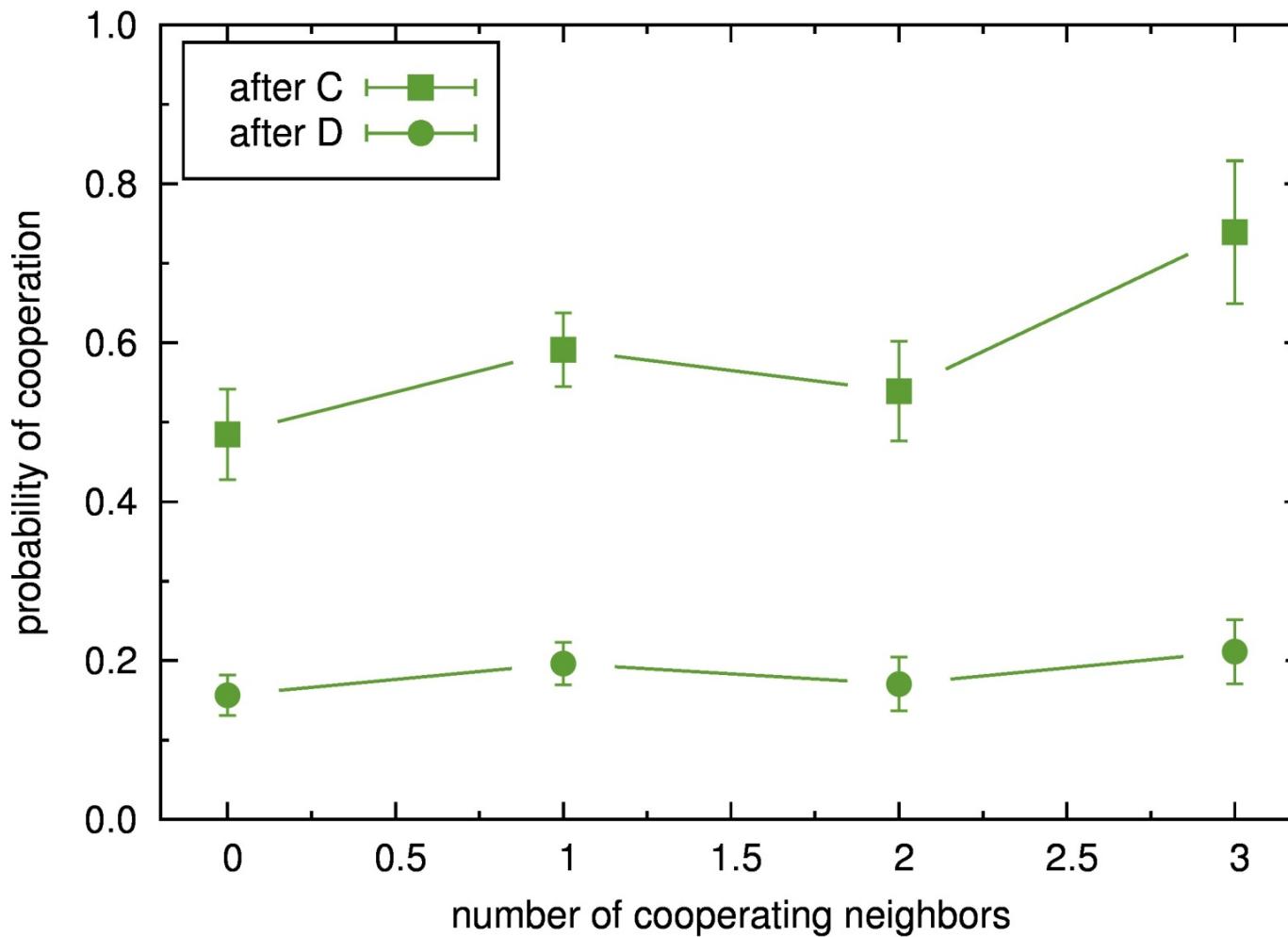
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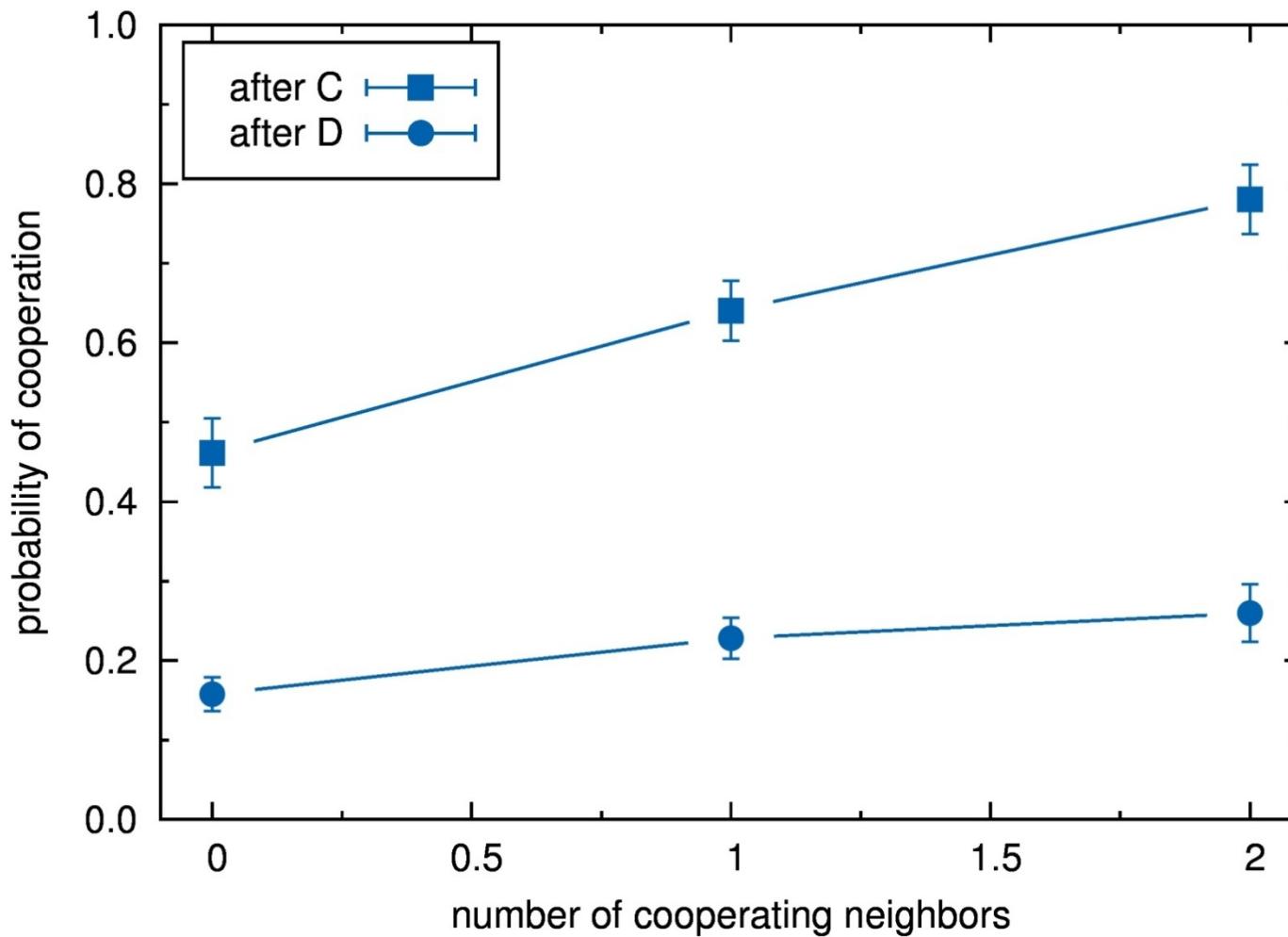
MOODY CONDITIONAL COOPERATORS - SIZE 5



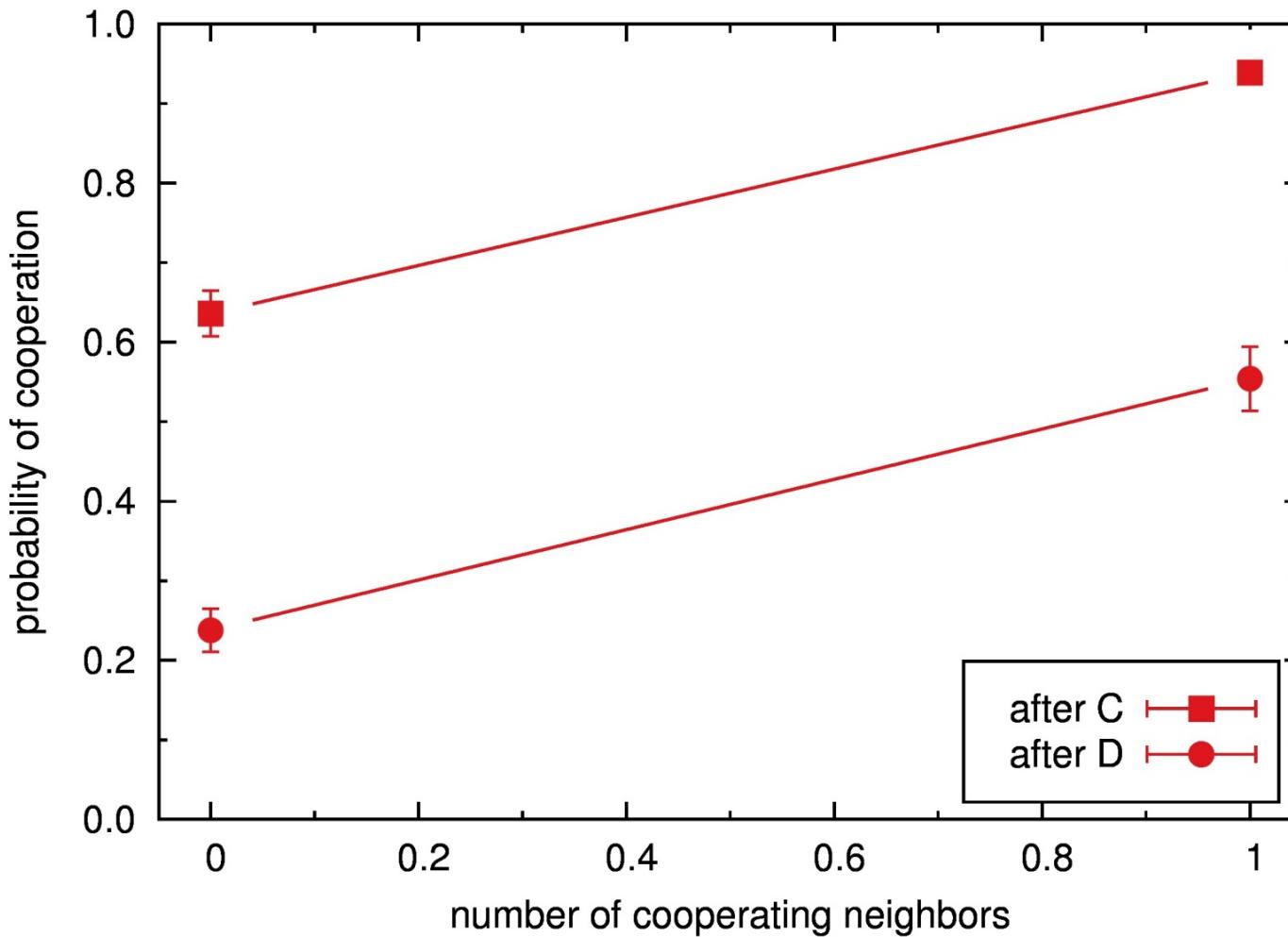
MOODY CONDITIONAL COOPERATORS - SIZE 4



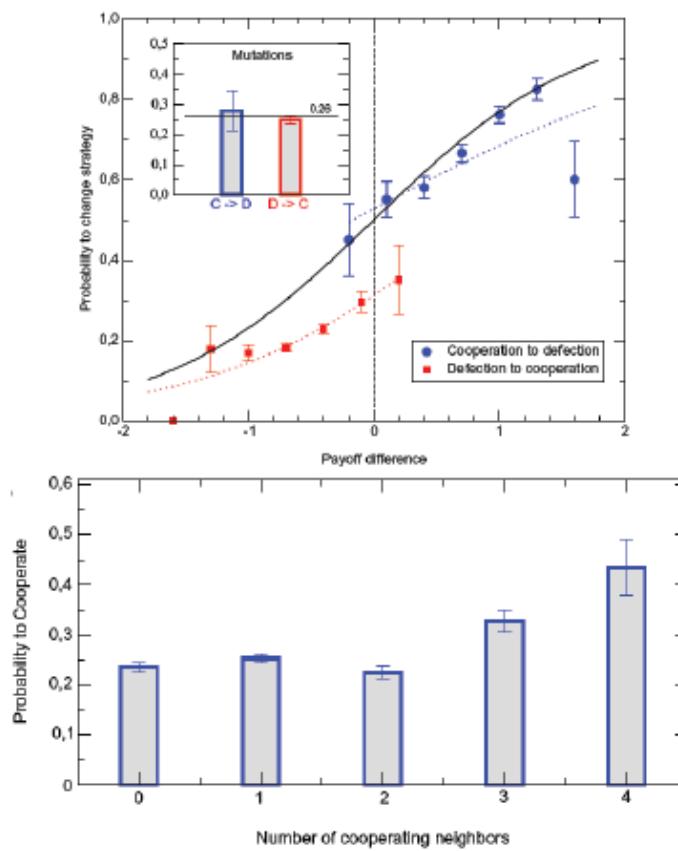
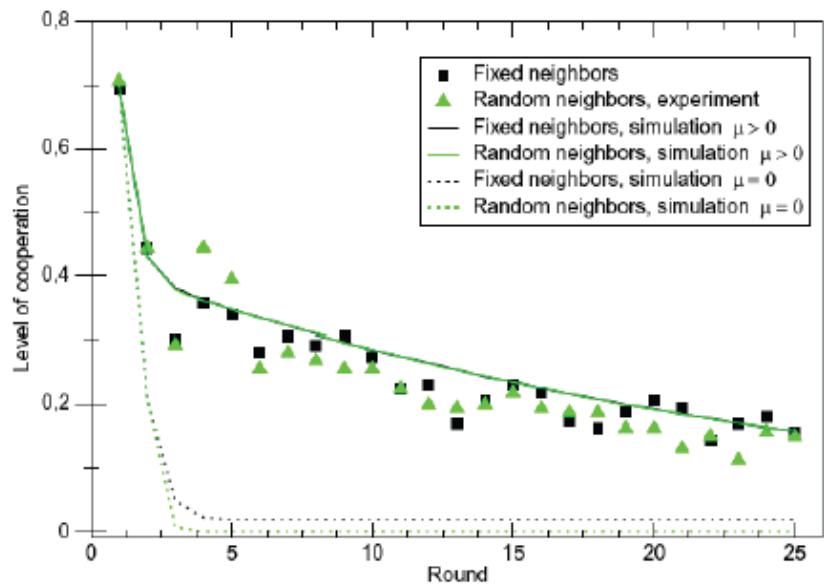
MOODY CONDITIONAL COOPERATORS - SIZE 3



MOODY CONDITIONAL COOPERATORS - SIZE 2



PLÖN EXPERIMENT

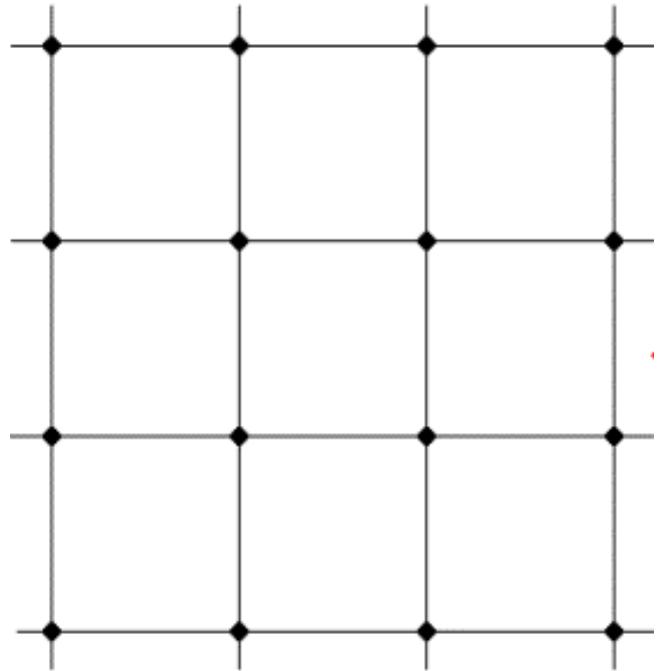


Going to Plön...

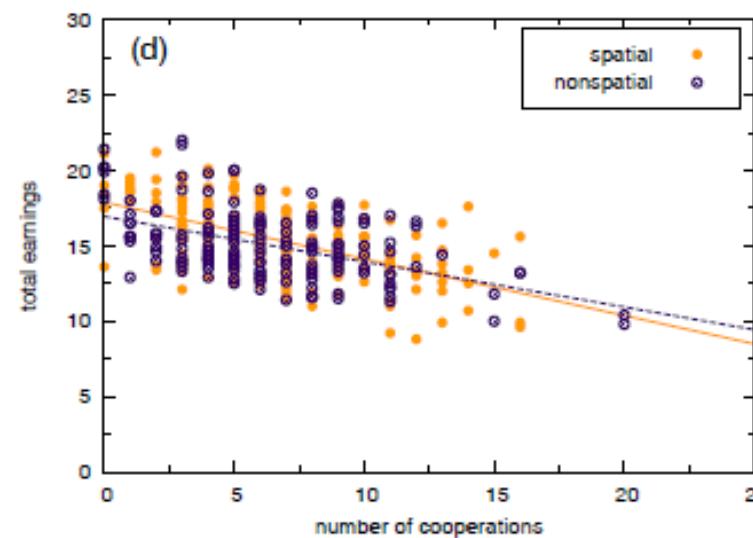
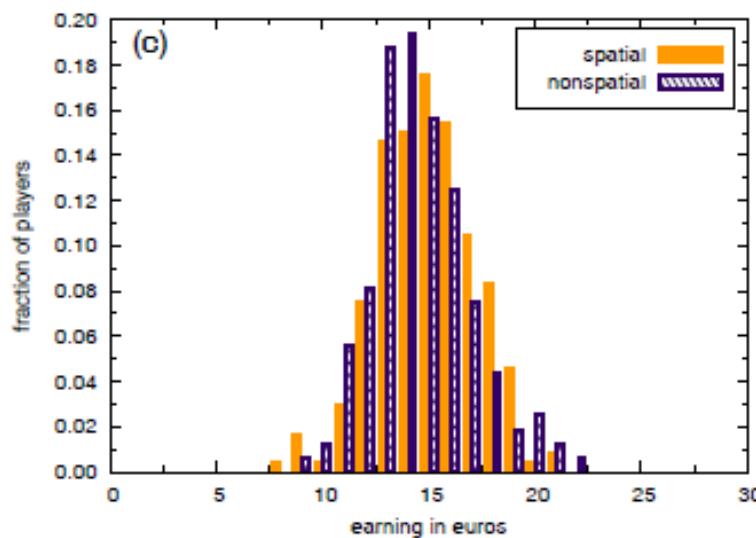
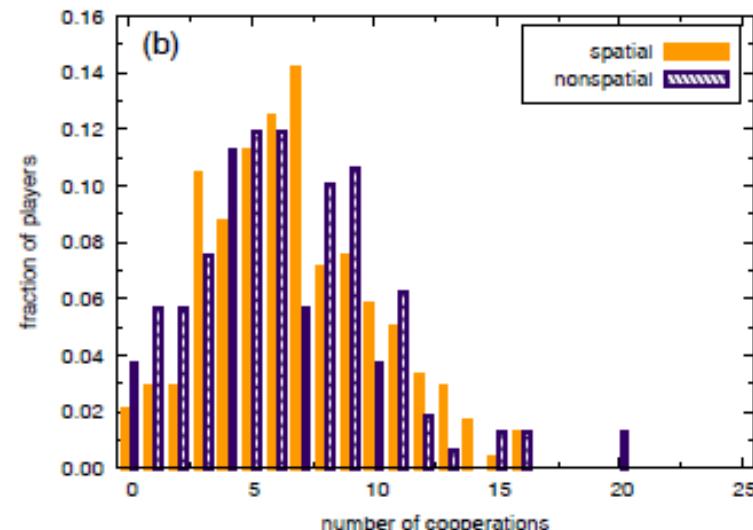
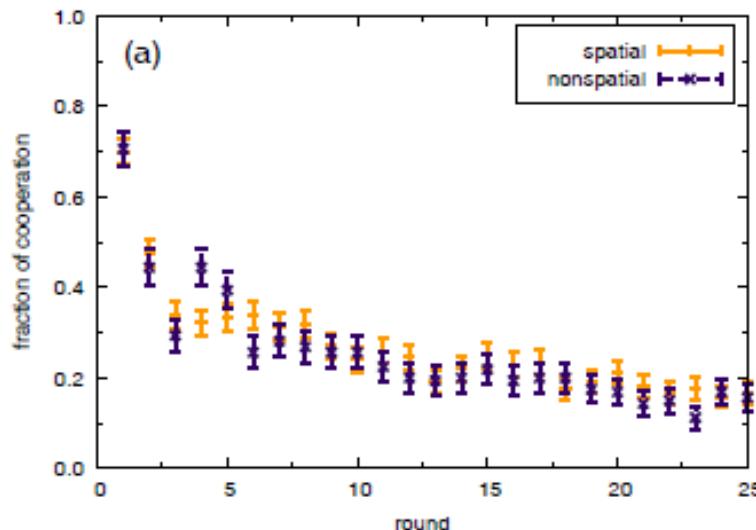


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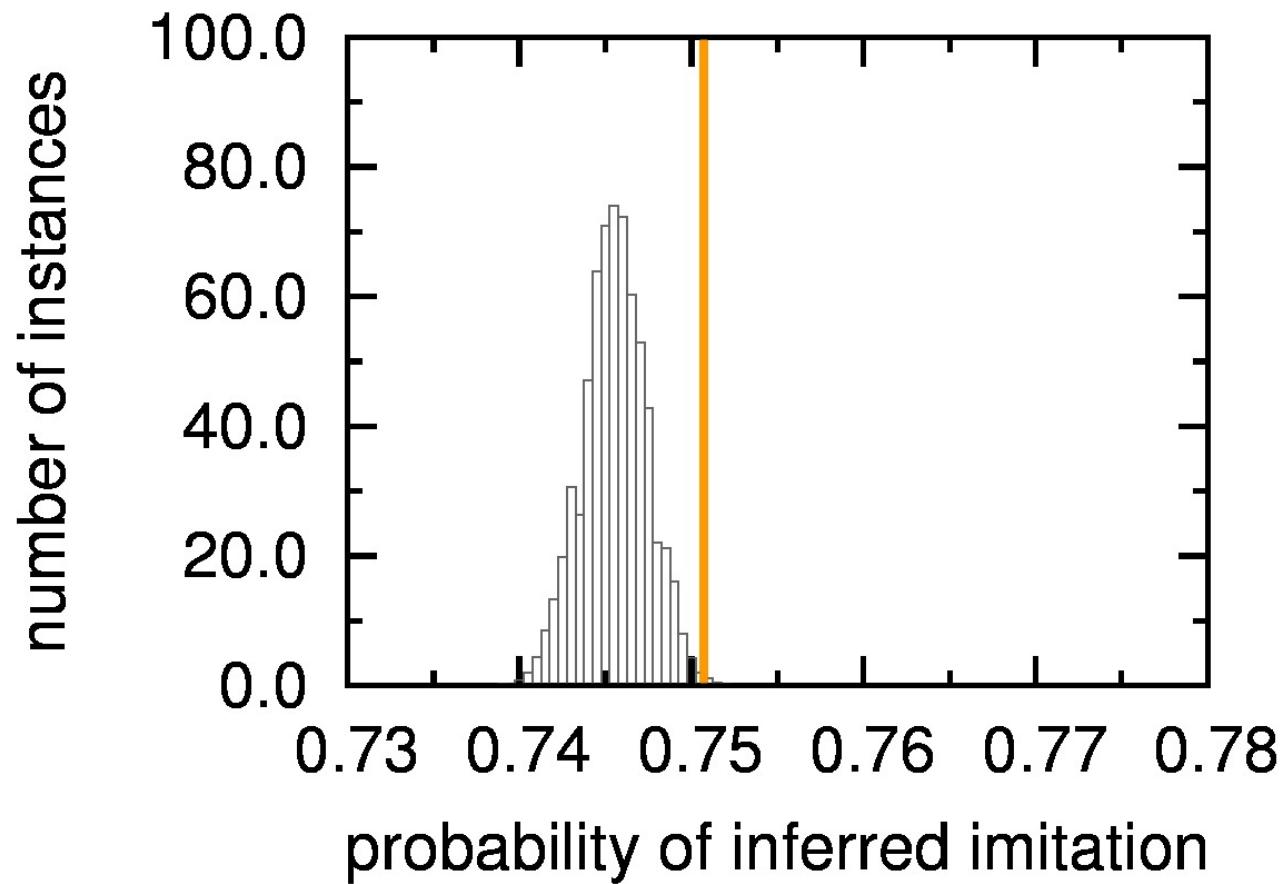
- Traulsen et al. PNAS (2010)
- 4×4 square lattice
- Multiple sessions
- Fully independent control
- True Prisoner's Dilemma



EXPERIMENT - CONTROL

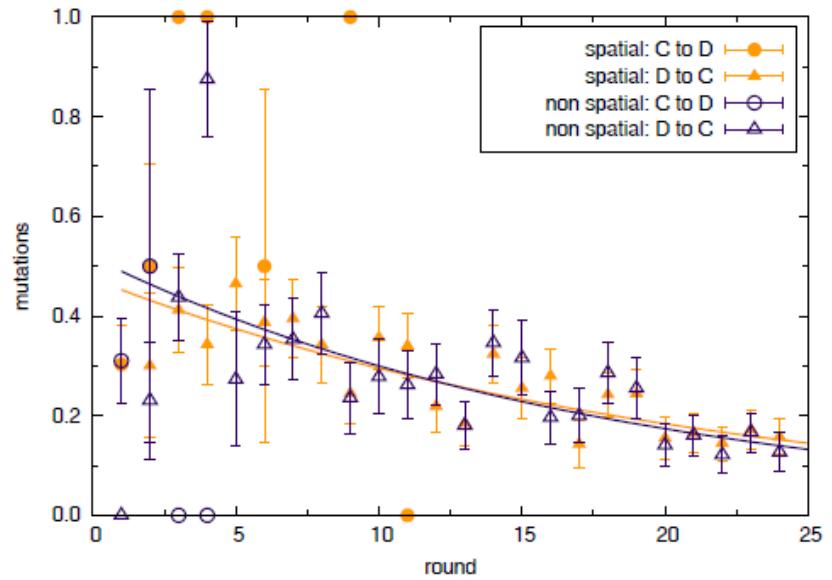
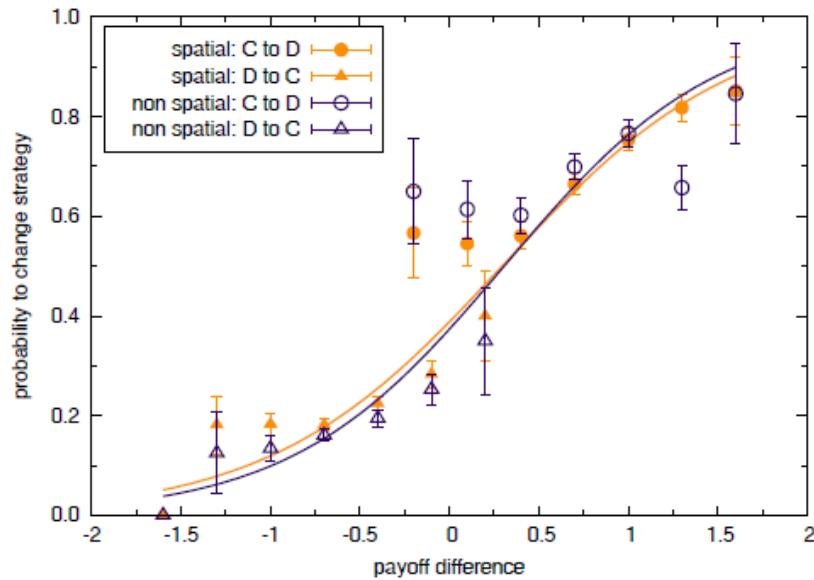


UNCONDITIONAL IMITATION



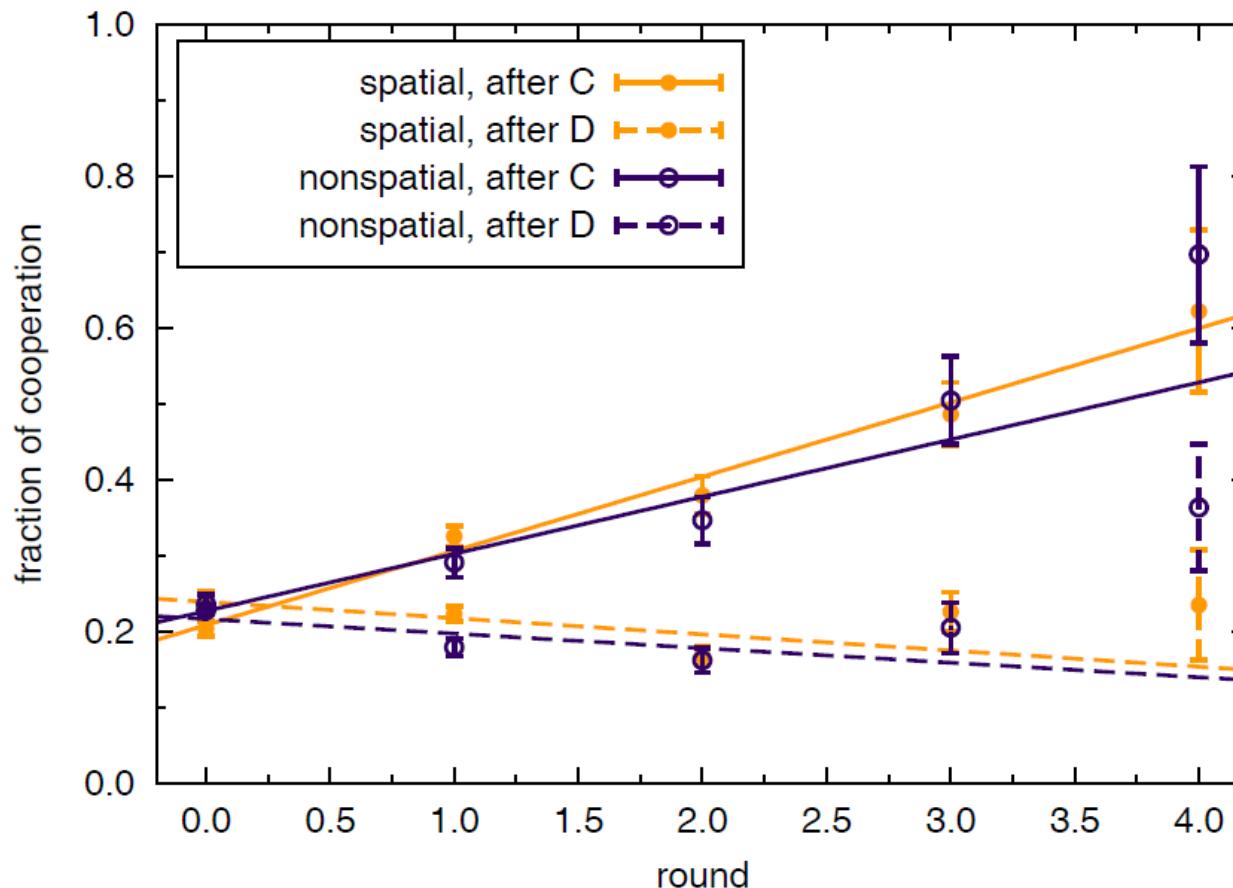
$$P_{A \rightarrow B}(\Delta\pi) = \mu\Gamma^{t-1} + (1 - 2\mu\Gamma^{t-1})\Theta(\Delta\pi)$$

FERMI RULE



$$P_{C \leftrightarrow D}(\Delta\pi) = \mu \Gamma^{t-1} + (1 - 2\mu \Gamma^{t-1}) \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta \Delta\pi + \alpha}}$$

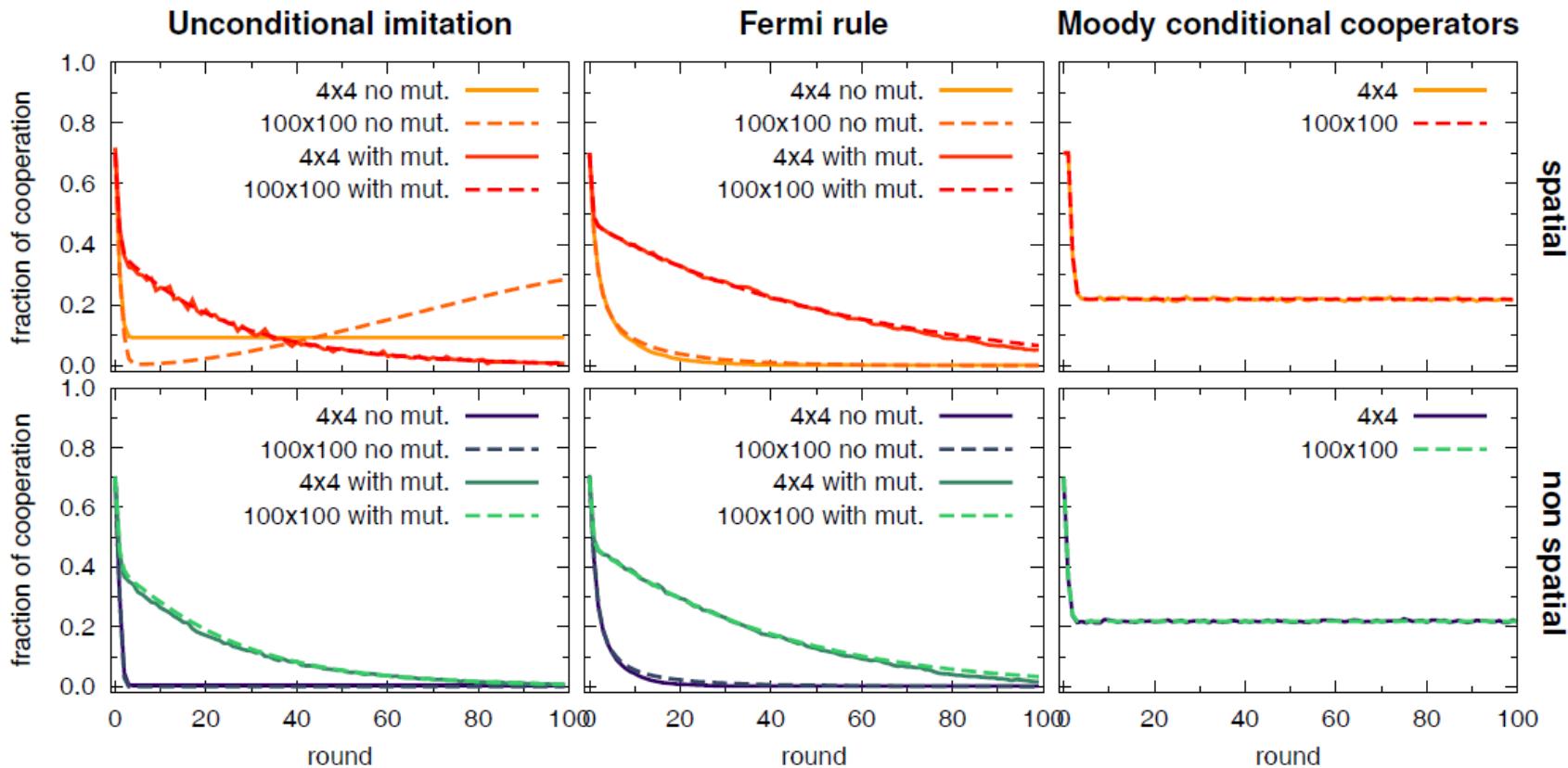
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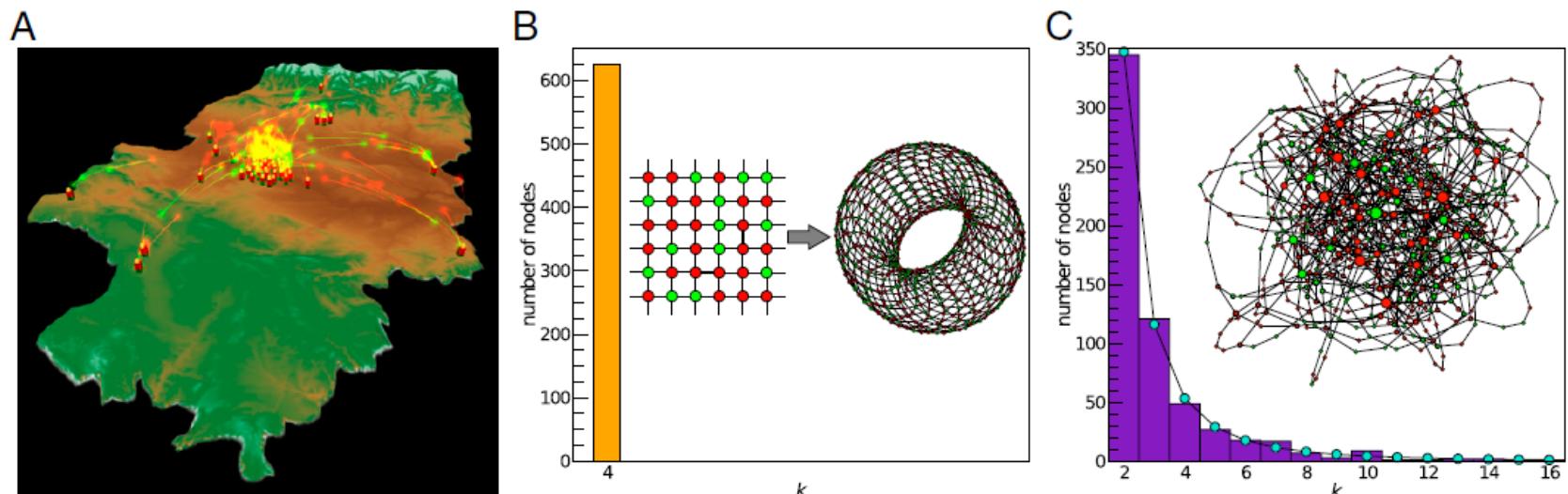
$$P_{C|C}(l) = a_C + b_C l$$

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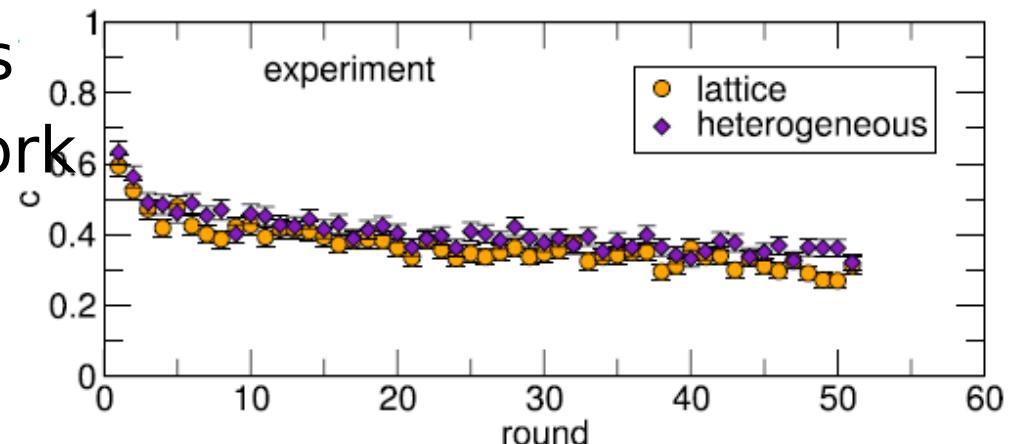
SIMULATIONS



ZARAGOZA EXPERIMENT



- Gracia-Lázaro et al., PNAS (2012)
- Lattice 25×25 nodes
- Heterogeneous network

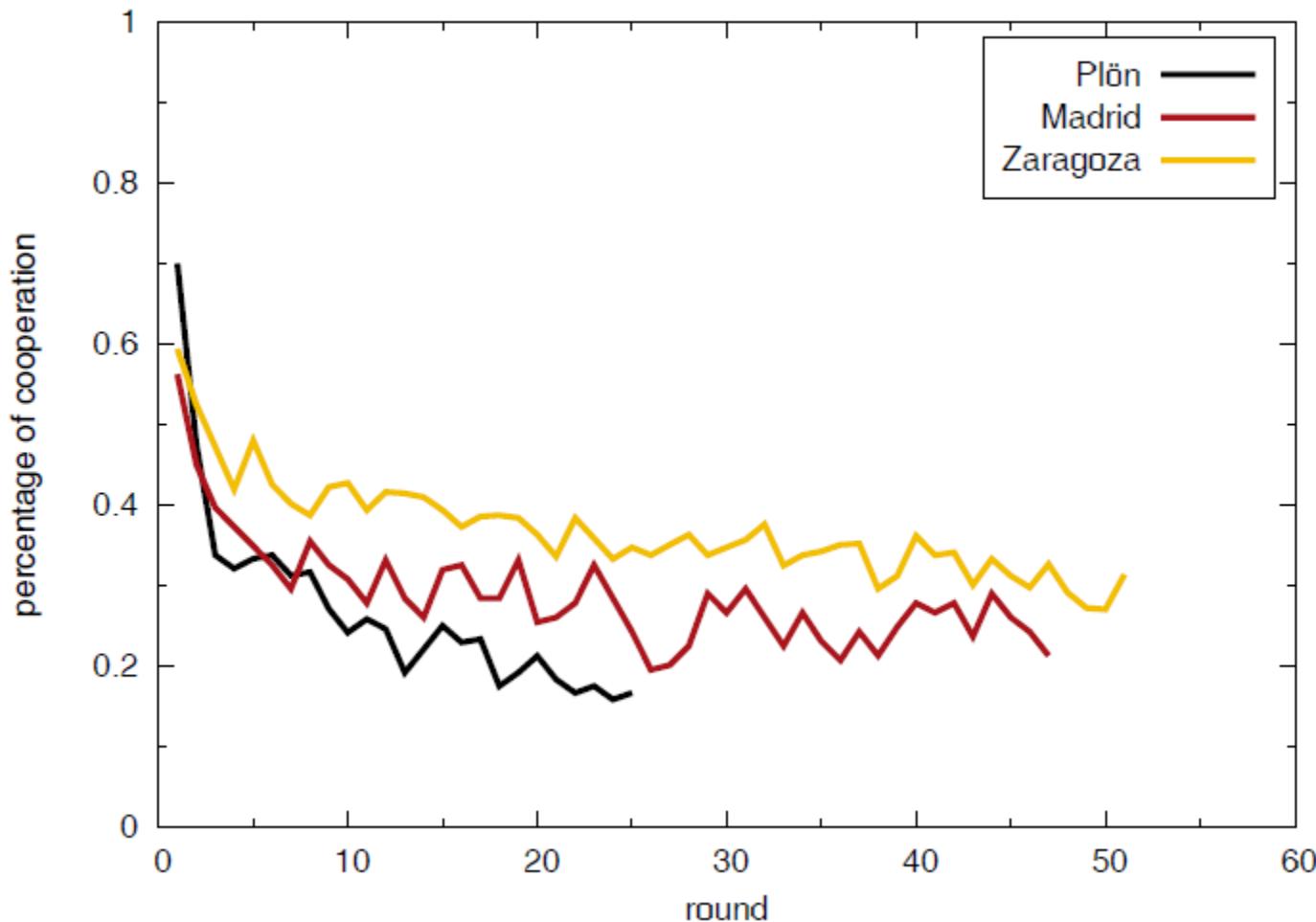


COMPARISON OF THE EXPERIMENTS

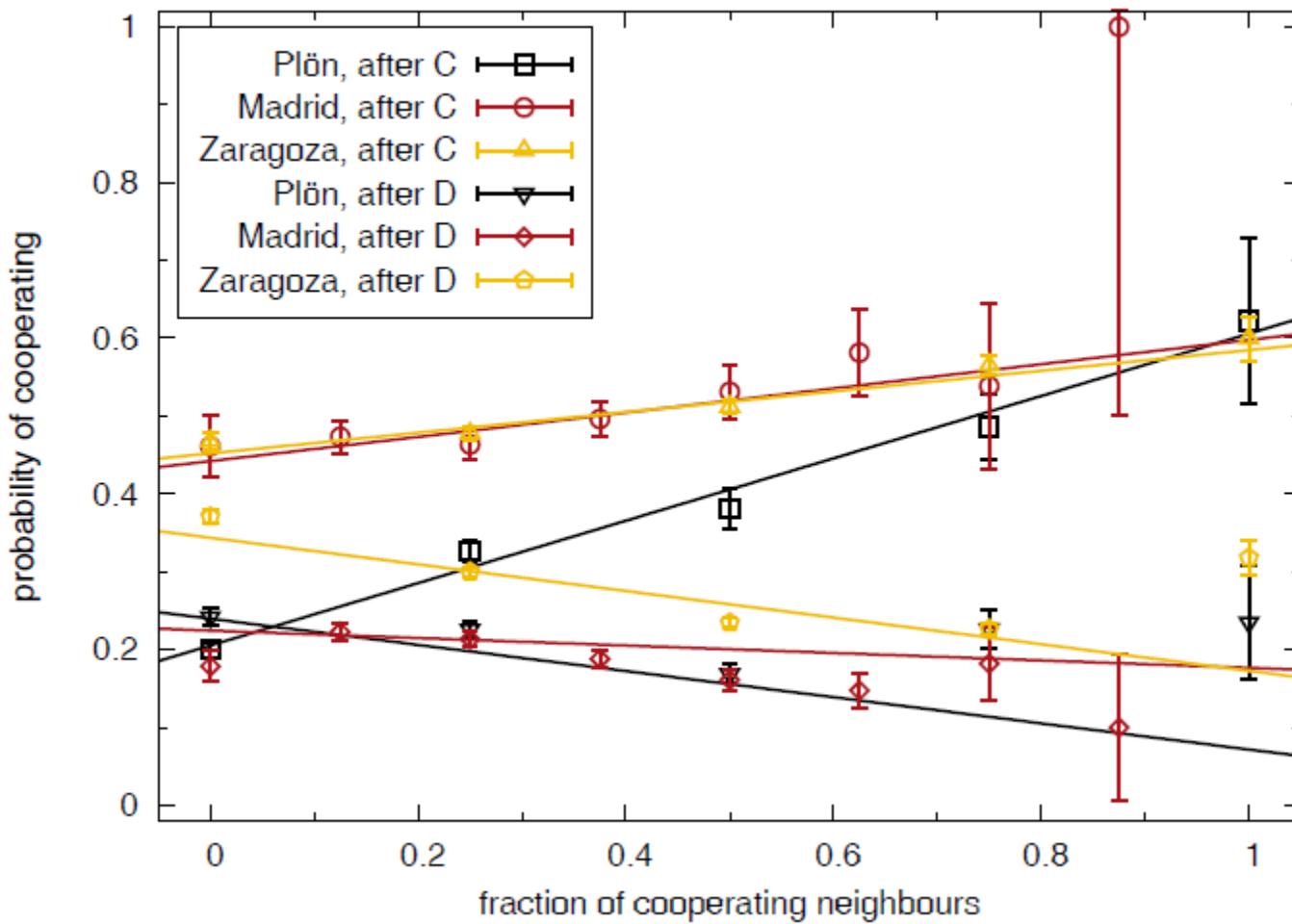
	Plön	Madrid	Zaragoza
Size of the network	4×4	13×13	25×25
Neighborhood	von Neumann's	Moore's	von Neumann's
Number of rounds	25	47	52
Number of sessions	15	1	1
	C D	C D	C D
Payoff matrix	C 3 0 D 4 1	C 7 0 D 10 0	C 7 0 D 10 0
# of different players	240	169	625
# of actions	6000	7943	32500

Table 6.1: Comparison of the experimental settings for the three experiments on lattices. A von Neumann's neighborhood consists of the four nearest neighbors in a square lattice, whereas a Moore's neighborhood comprises all eight surrounding neighbors in the same lattice.

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CONCLUSIONS

- Experiments on spatial prisoner's dilemma
- Low but non zero cooperation level
- High cooperation level only in pairwise iterated case
- Unconditional imitation only with mutations
- In all cases moody conditional cooperators
- In Plön experiment spatial and non spatial not significantly different
- Spatial structure did not promote cooperation in any experiment
- People use strategies which do not promote cooperation in spatial structure

