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Learning dynamics

Learning, evolutionary game theory and the evolution
of co-operation



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The formation of agents' beliefs

Now that we can determine the Nash and sub-game perfect equilibria ...

How can we reach them?

Which equilibrium preferred ?



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Summary

- What? Why?
- Rational choice
- Strategic games
- Nash Equilibrium
- Best
- Dominance
- Mixed strategies
- Mixed-strategy Nash Equilibria
- Support finding
- Lemke-Howson algorithm
- Extensive-form games
- sub-game perfect equilibrium
- Simultaneous moves
- Chance moves
- Bayesian games
- Assignment I

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The formation of agents' beliefs

Can we expect that the equilibrium will be reached ?

Players could chose their action from an **introspective analysis of the game** : removing dominated strategies

Learning the beliefs about the other player in response of the information she receives :

1. Best response dynamics
2. Fictitious play
3. Stimulus-response or reinforcement learning
4. Evolutionary or cultural dynamics

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Levels of learning



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Conditioning



Scene from the Big Bang Theory (S03E03, The Gohtowitz Deviation)

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Best-response dynamics



In the **first period**, choose a best response to an arbitrary deterministic belief about the other players' actions

In **every period after the first**, choose the best response to the other players' actions in the previous round

An action profile that remains the same over time is a pure Nash equilibrium of the game

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Best-response dynamics

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Bach	1 2	0 0
Strav.	0 0	2 1

Depending on the prior beliefs these dynamics may not converge

Take for instance the Battle of the sexes, which has 3 equilibria $((1,0), (1,0))$, $((0,1), (0,1))$ and $((2/3, 1/3), (1/3, 2/3))$

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BELIEF		
	A plays	B plays
prior	B	B
1	B	B
2	B	B
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1	B	B	1	S	S	1	B	S
2	B	B	2	S	S	2	S	B
...

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Fictitious play

Every agent starts with an arbitrary probabilistic belief about the other players actions.

In the **first round** she chooses a BR to this prior probabilistic belief and observes the other player's actions, say A.

she changes here belief so that A gets probability 1

In the **second round**, she produces a best response to this belief and observes the other player's action, say B

she changes here belief to one that assigns 1/2 to action A and 1/2 to action B

In the **third round** ...

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Fictitious play

Consider again the Battle of the sexes:

		BELIEF		
		A plays	B plays	
prior		(1,0)	(0,1)	
1	S	(1,1)	B	(1,1)
2	S	(1,2)	S	(1,2)
3	S	(1,3)	S	(1,3)
4	S	(2,3)	B	(1,4)
5	S	(2,4)	S	(1,5)
6	S	(2,5)	S	(1,6)
7	TOTAL = 7

Bach	Strav.	Bach	Strav.
I	0	2	0
2	0	0	2
0	1	0	1
0	1	0	1

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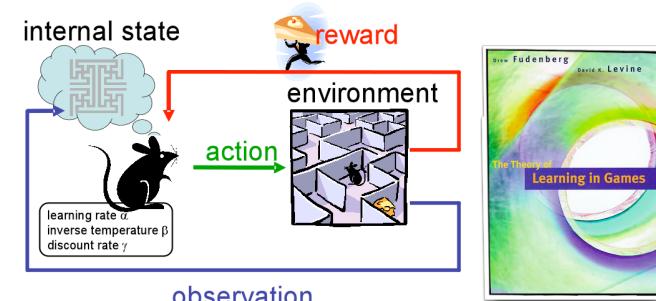
Fictitious play

So in any period, the agent adopts the belief that her opponent is using a mixed strategy in which the probability of each action is proportional to the frequency with which her opponent has chosen that action in the previous rounds

The process converges to a mixed strategy Nash equilibrium from initial beliefs

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Stimulus-response learning



Roth-Erev learning, Bush-Mosteller, ...

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Stimulus-response learning

Stochastic dynamic models of individual behavior ...

Bush, R. R., & Mosteller, F. (1951). **A mathematical model for simple learning.** Psychological review, 58(5), 313–323.

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Stimulus-response learning

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player 1	$q_{1k}(t)$	$p_{1k}(t)$
Bach	1	1/2
Stravinsky	1	1/2

player 2	$q_{2k}(t)$	$p_{2k}(t)$
Bach	1	1/2
Stravinsky	1	1/2

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Stimulus-response learning

Take for instance the model proposed by Roth and Erev (1995)

A player is defined by:

A **propensity score** $q_{Ak}(t)$, which expresses the propensity of player A to play action k at time t

A **probability function** $p_{Ak}(t) = q_{Ak}(t) / \sum_j q_{Aj}(t)$, which expresses the probability of A to play action k at time t

An **update function** $q_{Ak}(t+1) = q_{Ak}(t) + x$, where x is the payoff from the interaction. The other actions $q_{Aj}(t)$ remain the same.

Hence actions with a higher probability are more likely to be played (**Law of effect**)

Aim was to design a model that fits psychological literature

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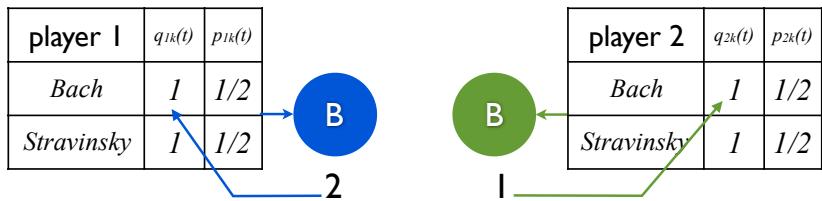
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Stimulus-response learning

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Bach	3	3/4
Stravinsky	1	1/4

player 2	$q_{2k}(t)$	$p_{2k}(t)$
Bach	2	2/3
Stravinsky	1	1/3

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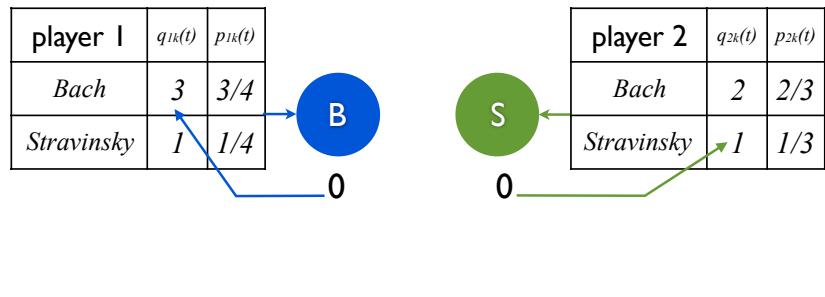
player 2	$q_{2k}(t)$	$p_{2k}(t)$
Bach	2	2/3
Stravinsky	1	1/3

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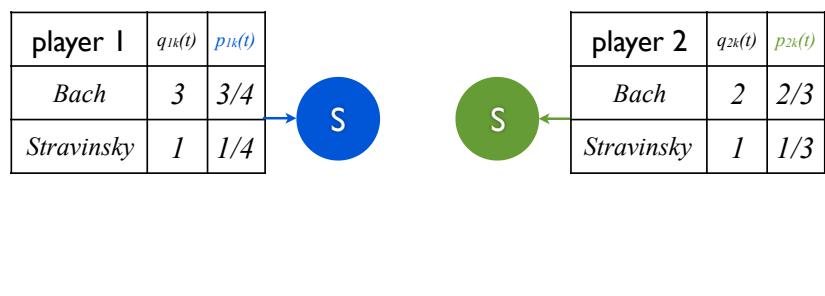


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player 2	$q_{2k}(t)$	$p_{2k}(t)$
Bach	2	2/5
Stravinsky	3	3/5

Continue until convergence

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An evolutionary perspective

Non-rational players: **preferences**
= **actions**
Darwinian competition in
populations
Frequency-dependence

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Stimulus-response learning

Three extensions were introduced into this model:

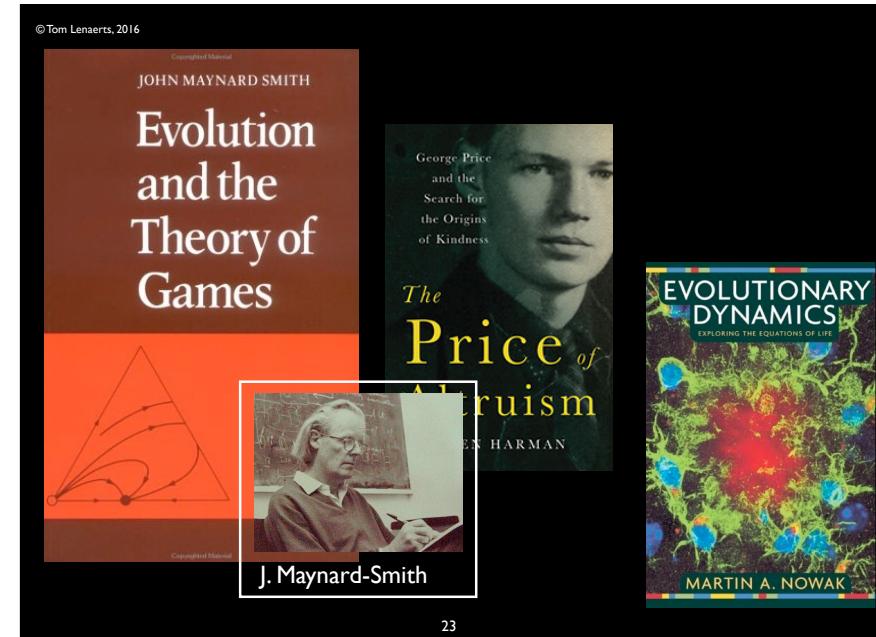
A **cutoff parameter μ** which ensure that $q_{Ak}(t)$ and $p_{Ak}(t)$ can become zero in finite time : when $p_{Ak}(t) \leq \mu$, $q_{Ak}(t)=p_{Ak}(t)=0$

An **error/exploration parameter ε** which prevents a probability $p_{Ak}(t)$ can become zero if it is close to a successful strategy: $q_{Ak}(t+1)=q_{Ak}(t)+(1-\varepsilon)x$ for the successful strategy and $q_{Aj}(t+1)=q_{Aj}(t)+\varepsilon x$ for the adjacent strategies

An **forgetting parameter φ** which gradually reduces the importance of each propensity $q_{Ak}(t)$ over time by multiplying each propensity by $(1-\varphi)$.

More details on reinforcement learning by Prof. Nowé

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Social dilemmas



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The Tragedy of the Commons

The population problem has no technical solution; it requires a fundamental extension in morality.

Garrett Hardin

At the end of a thoughtful article on future of nuclear war, Wiener and I write: "The world's population arms race is . . . confronted by the drama of steadily increasing military power and steadily decreasing national sanity. It is our considered professional judgment that this dilemma has no technical solution. If the great powers continue to look for solutions in areas of science and technology only, result will be to worsen the situation."

I would like to focus your attention on the subject of the article (national security in a nuclear world) but the kind of conclusion they reached, namely that there is no technical solution to the problem, has been sold to the public. An implicit and most universal assumption of discussions published in professional and nontechnical scientific journals is that problem under discussion has a technical solution. A technical solution may be defined as one that requires a change only in the techniques of the

Population, as Malthus said, natural tends to grow "geometrically," or, as we would say, exponentially. In

finite world this means that the

capita share of the world's goods must

steadily decrease. Is ours a finite wor-

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sons. One is that the

game is not zero sum.

It is well known that I cannot, if I assume

in keeping with the conventions

of game theory) that my opponent un-

derstands the game perfectly. Put an-

other way, there is no "technical solu-

tion" to the problem. I can win only

by giving a radical solution to the

"game." I can hit my opponent over the

head; or I can drug him; or I can falsify

the records. Every way in which I "win"

involves, in some sense, an abandon-

ment of the game, as we intuitively un-

derstand it. (I can also, of course,

openly abandon the game—refuse to

play.)

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organism must

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... attempt to define

Social dilemmas are situations in which each member of a group has a clear and unambiguous incentive to make a choice that—when made by all members—provides poorer outcomes for all than they would have received if none had made the choice. Thus, by doing what seems individually reasonable and rational, people end up doing less well than they would have done if they had acted unreasonably or irrationally. This paradoxical possibility has emerged in many contexts and it has been

R.M. Dawes and D.M. Messick (2000) Social Dilemmas. International Journal of Psychology 35(2):111-116

THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION

Social dilemmas are situations in which individual rationality leads to collective irrationality. That is, individually reasonable behavior leads to a situation in which everyone is worse off than they might have been otherwise. Many of the most challenging problems we face, from the international to the interna-

P.Kollock (1998) Social Dilemmas: the anatomy of cooperation Ann. Rev. Sociol. 24:183-214 25

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Using common and public goods ...

Excludable

Rivalrous

Private goods
food, clothing, car, TV,
house, ...

Non-
rivalrous

Club goods
cinemas, private parks,
satelite tv, ...

Non-excludable

Common goods
fish stocks, timber, oil, coal, ...

Public goods
air, knowledge, national
defense, street lighting, social
welfare, ..

Rivalry; whether the consumption of a good by one person precludes its consumption by another person

Excludability; whether it is possible to exclude a person from consumption of the goods

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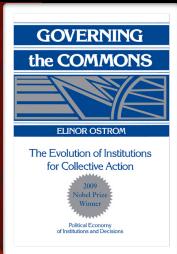
Using common and public goods ...



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The Evolution of Institutions
for Collective Action
Political Economy of Institutions and Decisions

2009
Nobel Prize
Winner

Neither state control nor privatisation are necessary to protect common resources

Bottom-up small-scale institutions, created by communes relying on or living close to the resource, that govern access to the resource will ensure the well-being of themselves and the survival of the resource.

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Central question: How to reach cooperation in social dilemmas?



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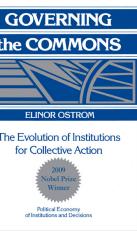
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Do the people in the commune really have the **capacity to organize** themselves for any common resource?

BUT

What about **individual differences in benefits**?
What about **free-riders**?
What if **others** not belonging to that commune also want access?

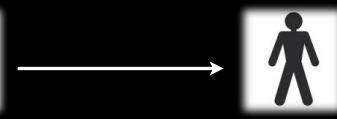
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Cooperation?



pays a cost c



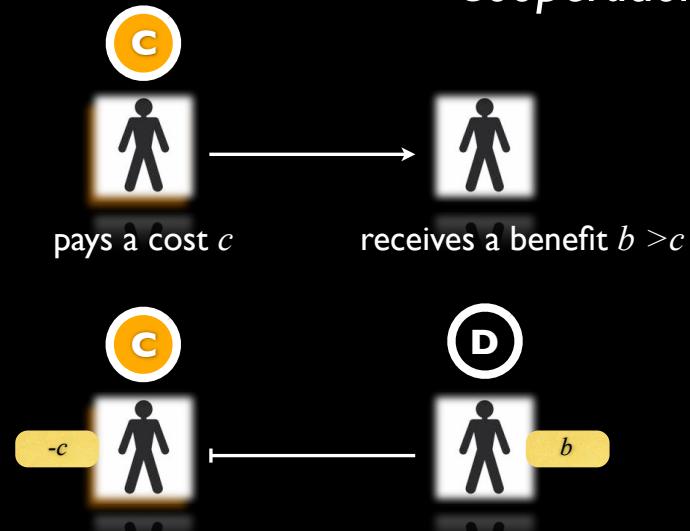
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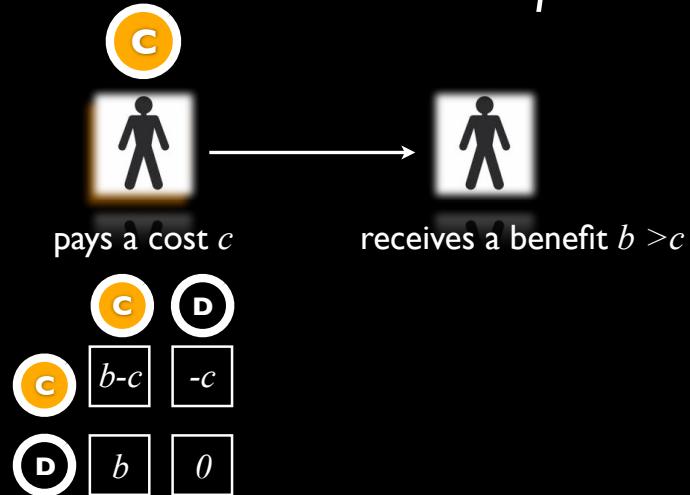
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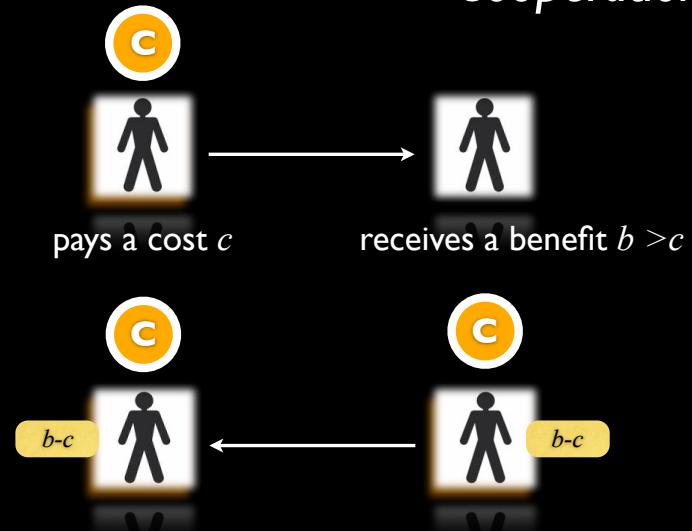
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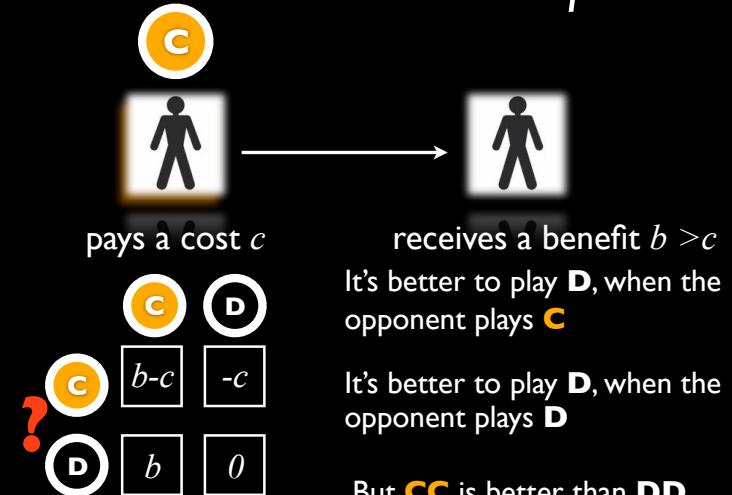
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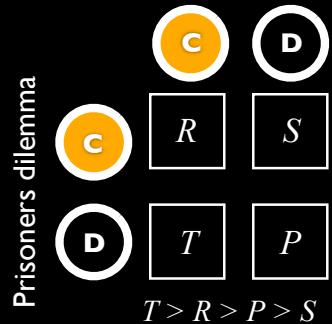
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Cooperation?



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Fear AND Greed



$$T = b > R = b - c > P = 0 > S = -c$$



greed = $T > R$

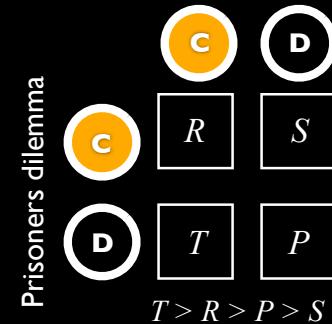
fear = $P > S$

R = reward
 S = suckers payoff
 T = temptation to defect
 P = punishment

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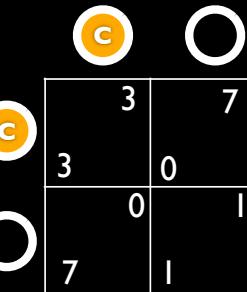
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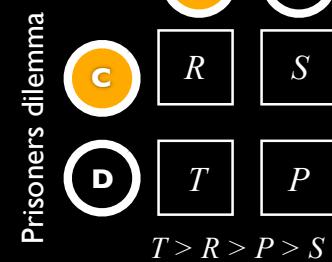
Best response determines



Nash equilibrium

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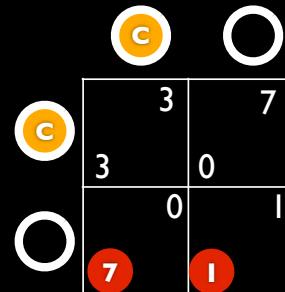
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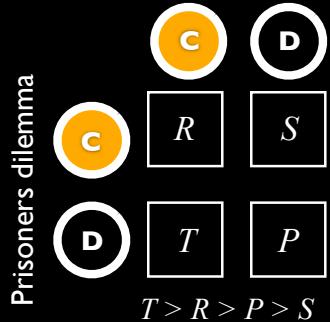
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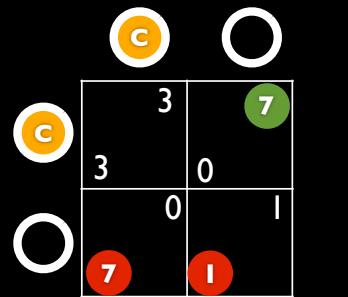
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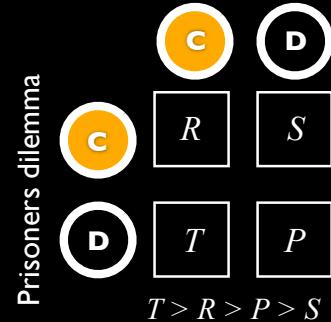
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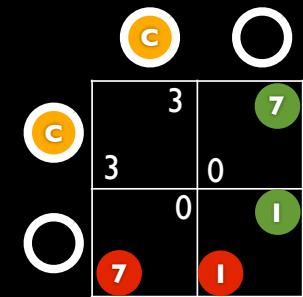
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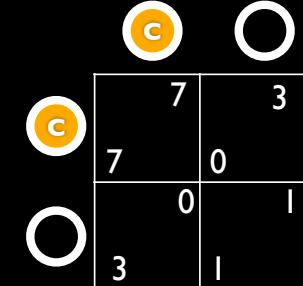
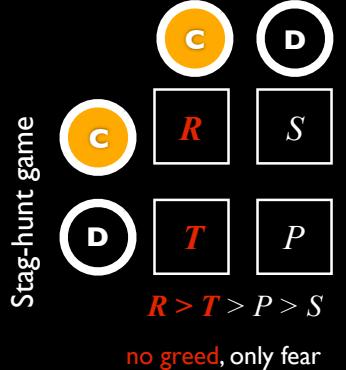
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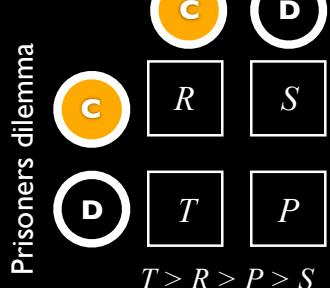
Nash equilibrium

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Fear OR Greed



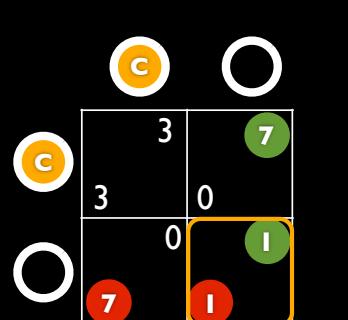
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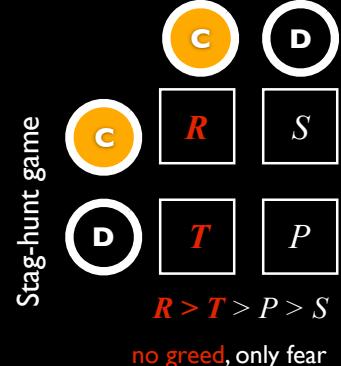


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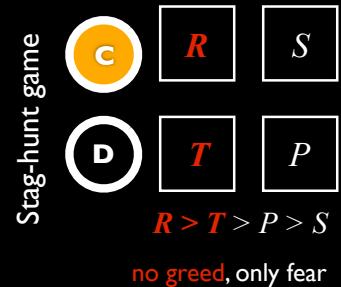
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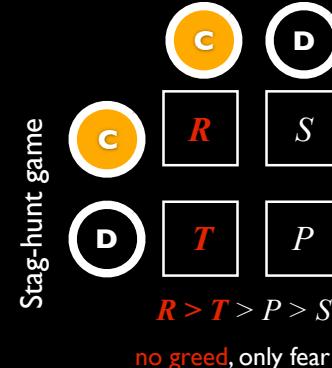


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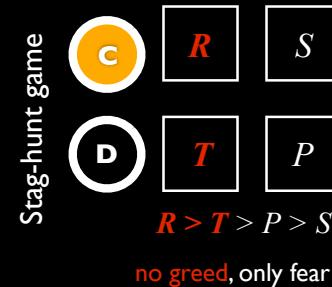
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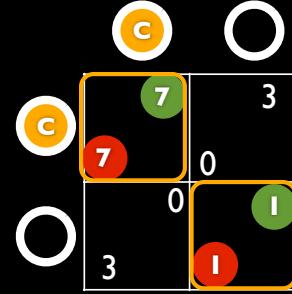
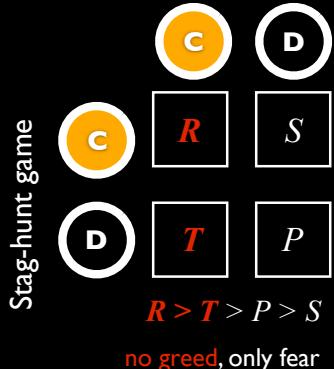


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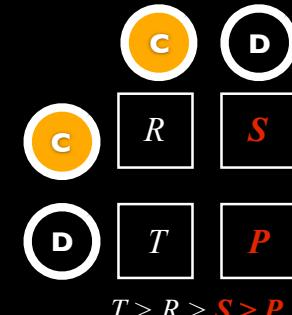
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Fear OR Greed



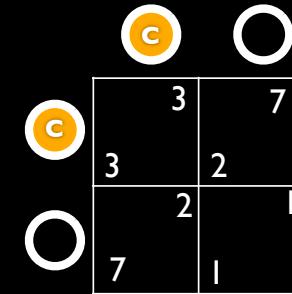
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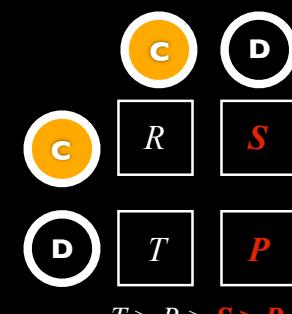
Snow-drift game

no fear, only greed



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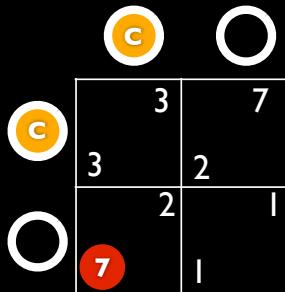
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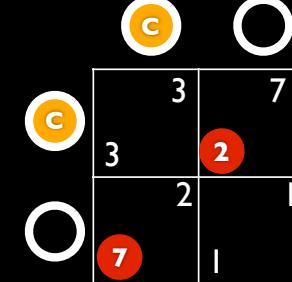
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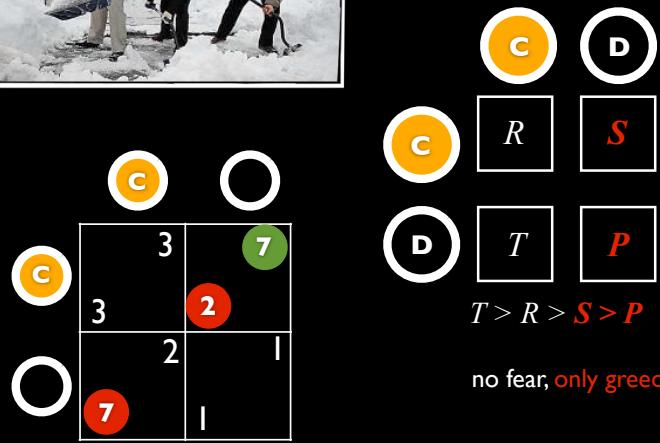
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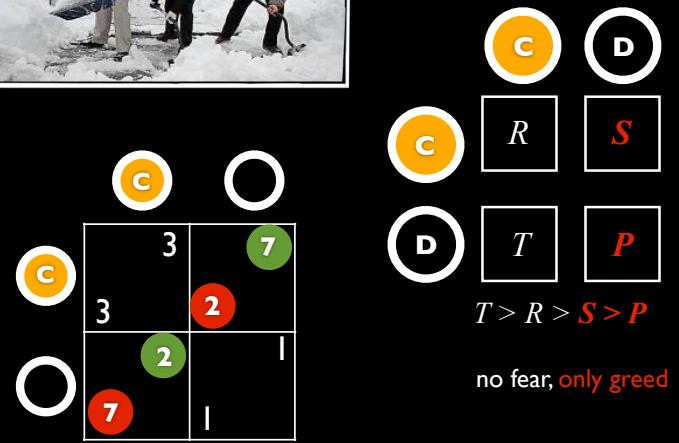
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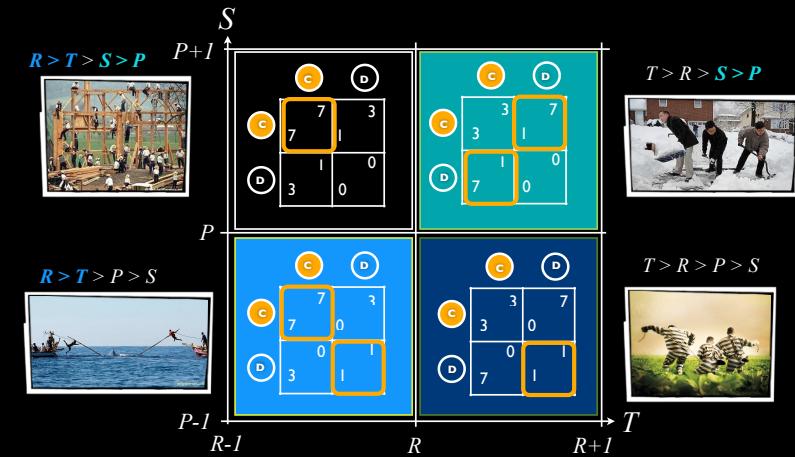


Fear OR Greed



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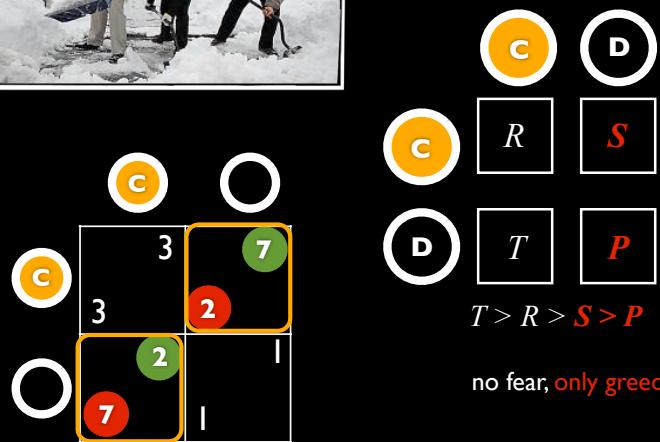
Space of social dilemmas



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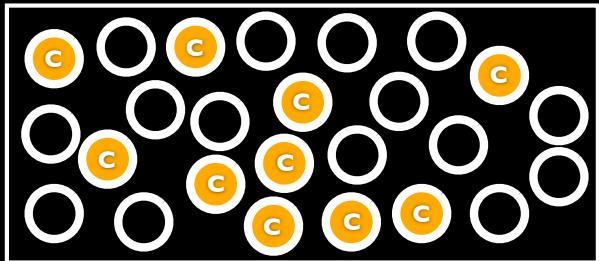
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Evolutionary stable strategies ...

Can a **C** player invade a population of **D** players?



The fraction of **C** (**D**) players is ε ($1-\varepsilon$)

J. Maynard-Smith and G.R. Price (1973) The logic of animal conflict. Nature 246:15-18

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Evolutionary stable strategies ...

Can a **C** player invade a population of **D** players?

success of **C** in a **D** population
 $S(I-\varepsilon)+R\varepsilon$

success of **D** population against a **C** invader
 $P(I-\varepsilon)+T\varepsilon$

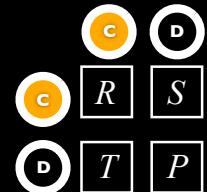
$$S(I-\varepsilon)+R\varepsilon > P(I-\varepsilon)+T\varepsilon$$

C can invade when:

- i) $S > P$ or ii) $S = P$ and $R > T$

D can invade when:

- i) $T > R$ or ii) $T = R$ and $P > S$



J. Maynard-Smith and G.R. Price (1973) The logic of animal conflict. Nature 246:15-18

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Can **C** invade **D**?



C	3	7
3	0	1
7	1	

C	7	3
7	0	1
3	1	

C	3	7
3	2	1
7	1	

Can **C** invade **D**?



C	3	7
3	0	1
7	1	

C	7	3
7	0	1
3	1	

C	3	7
3	2	1
7	1	

C no since $P > S$

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Can C invade D?



3	7
0	1

no since $P > S$

7	3
0	1

no since $P > S$

3	7
2	1

no since $P > S$

41-3

Can C invade D?



3	7
0	1

no since $P > S$

7	3
0	1

no since $P > S$

3	7
2	1

yes since $P < S$

41-4

Can D invade C?



3	7
0	1

no since $P > S$

7	3
0	1

no since $P > S$

3	7
2	1

yes since $P < S$

41-5

Can D invade C?



3	7
0	1

no since $P > S$

7	3
0	1

no since $P > S$

3	7
2	1

yes since $P < S$

41-6

Can D invade C?



c	3	7
c	3	0
D	7	1

no since $P > S$
 yes since $R < T$

c	7	3
c	0	1
D	3	1

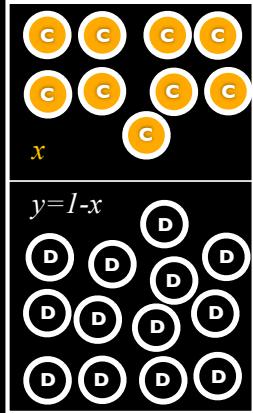
no since $P > S$
 no since $R > T$

c	3	7
c	2	1
D	2	1

yes since $P < S$

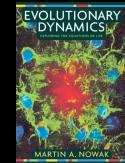
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Evolutionary dynamics



Replicator equation ...

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= x(1-x)[f_c(x)-f_d(x)] \\ &= x(1-x)[(b-c+c-b+0)x-c-0] \\ &= -cx(1-x) \\ &\quad \text{with } x=1 \rightarrow D \quad x=0 \rightarrow C \end{aligned}$$



P.D.Taylor and L.B.Jonker (1978) Evolutionary stable strategies and game dynamics. Mathematical biosciences 40(1-2):145-156

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Can D invade C?



c	3	7
c	0	1
D	7	1

no since $P > S$
 yes since $R < T$

c	7	3
c	0	1
D	3	1

no since $P > S$
 no since $R > T$

c	3	7
c	2	1
D	7	1

yes since $P < S$
 yes since $R < T$

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Dynamics of social dilemmas

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = x(1-x)[(R-S-T+P)x + S-P]$$

dominates fear and greed

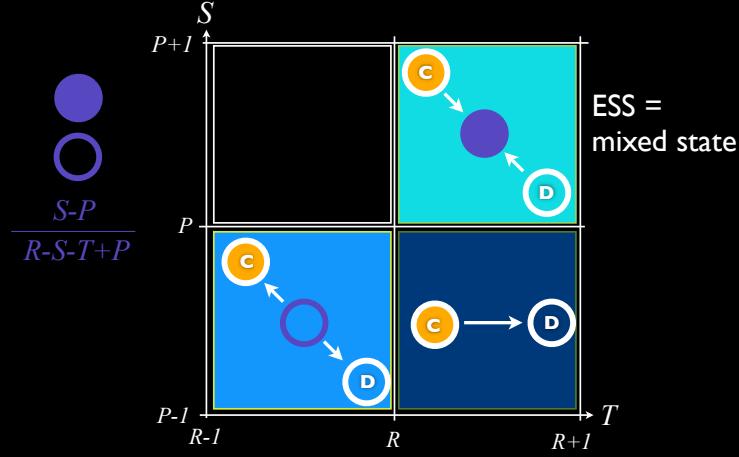
are bistable only fear

coexist only greed

$$x^* = \frac{S-P}{R-S-T+P}$$

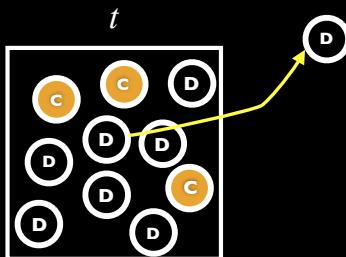
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In all social dilemmas



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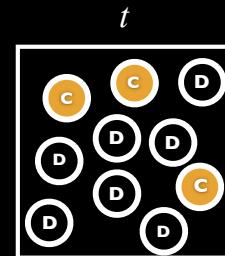
Dynamics in finite populations



A moran process (birth-death process)

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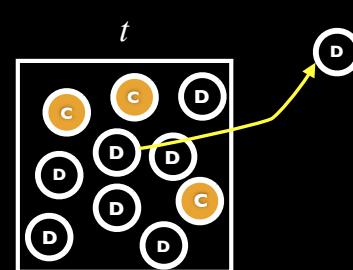
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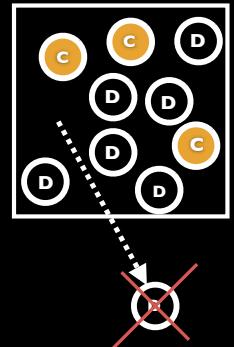
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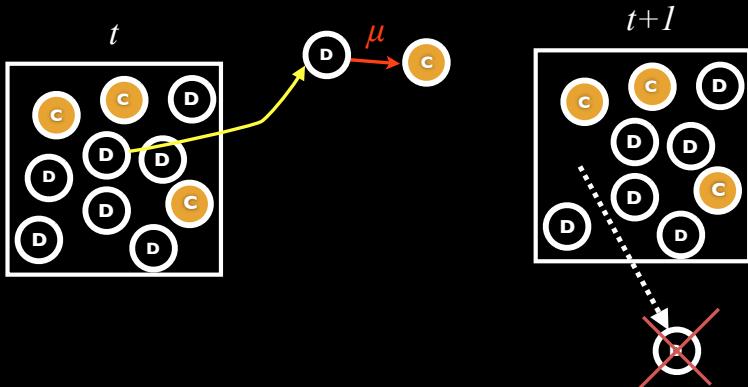


A moran process (birth-death process)

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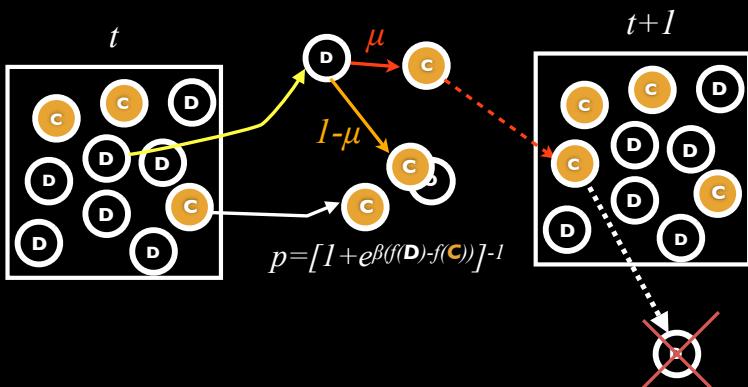
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Dynamics in finite populations



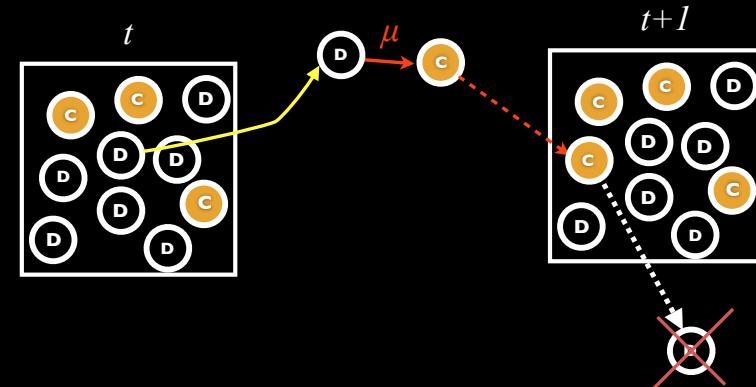
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Dynamics in finite populations



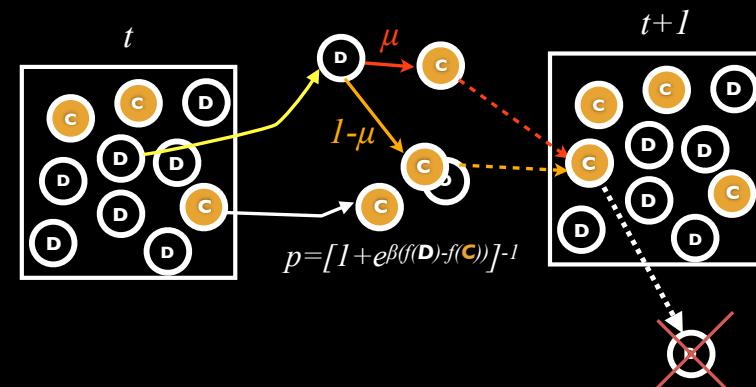
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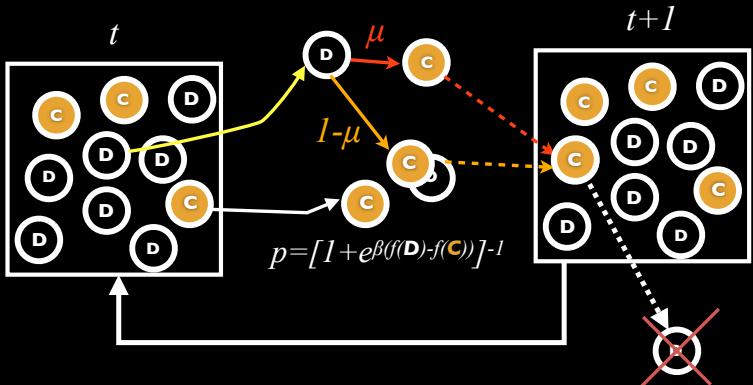
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Dynamics in finite populations



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Dynamics in finite populations

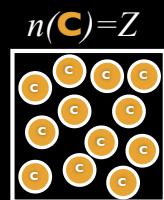
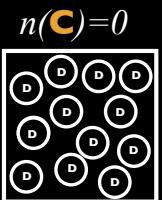


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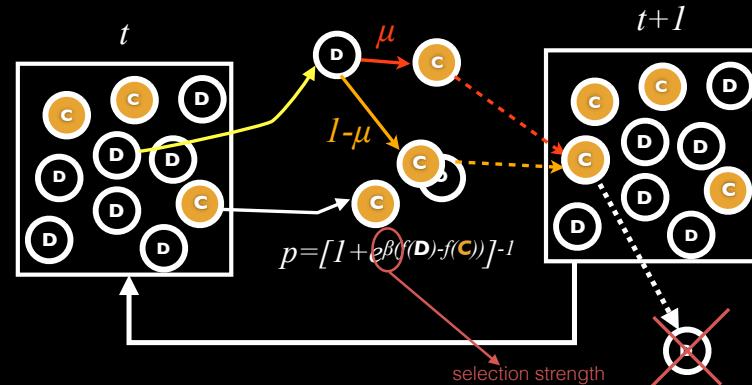
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Under the assumption that mutations are rare, we either end up with



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Dynamics in finite populations

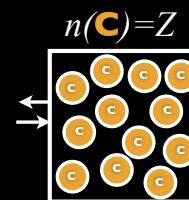
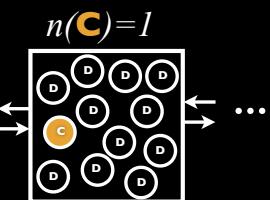
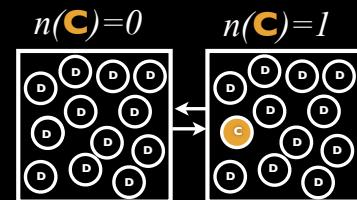


A moran process (birth-death process)

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Dynamics in finite populations

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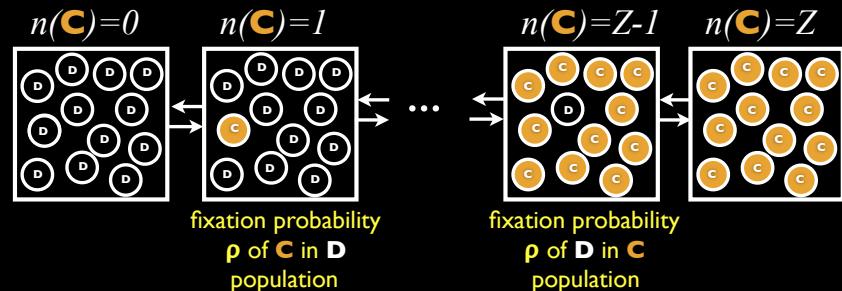


fixation probability
 p of **C** in **D**
population

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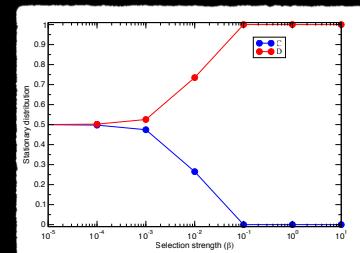
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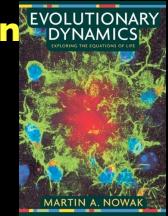
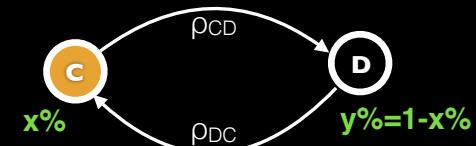
Dynamics in finite populations

for varying β 

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Dynamics in finite populations

Which produces a **reduced Markov chain**



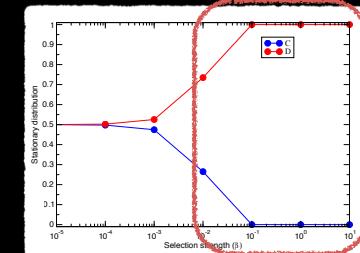
For which the **stationary distributions** can be calculated = *how likely it is to end up in either monomorphic state*

Fudenberg, D., & Imhof, L.A. (2006). Imitation processes with small mutations. *J. Econ.Theo.*, 131, 251–262.

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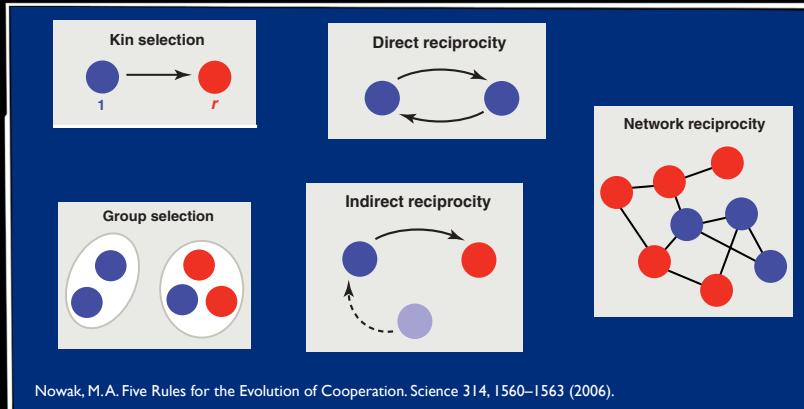
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How can we achieve cooperation?

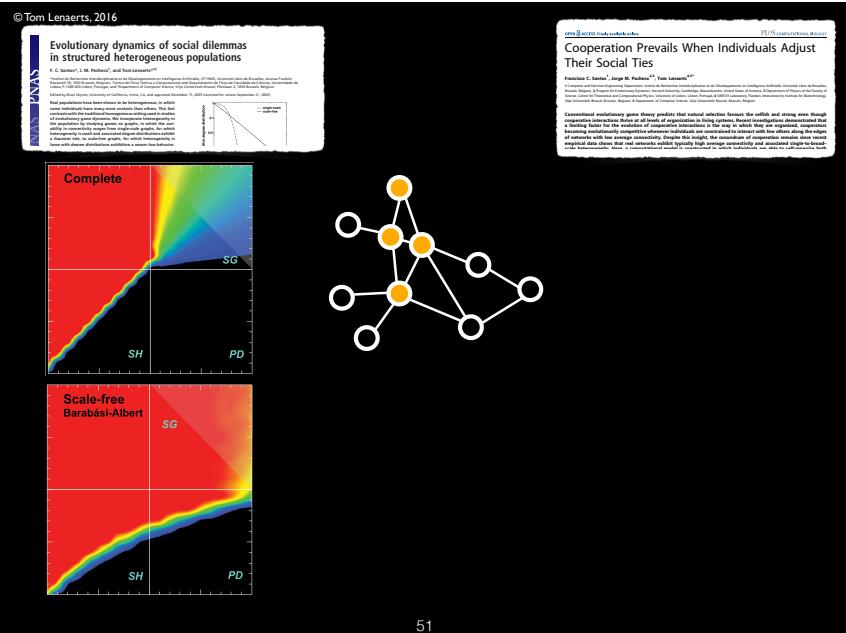
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How to reach cooperation?



Assortment between cooperators is key to success !

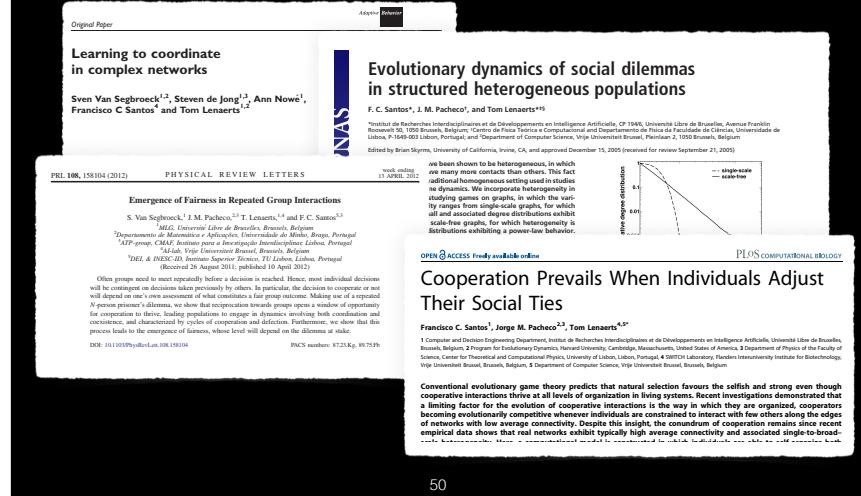
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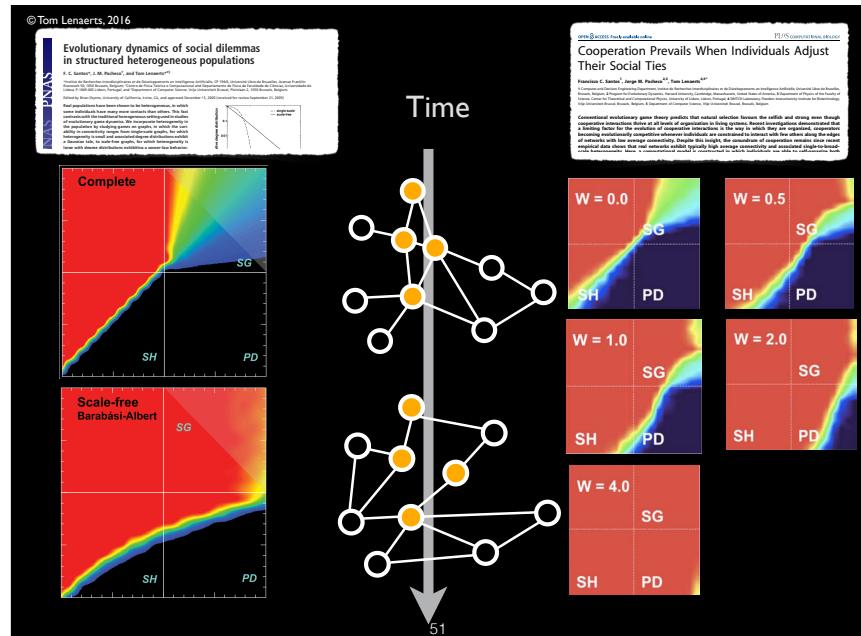
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Networks and the evolution of cooperation



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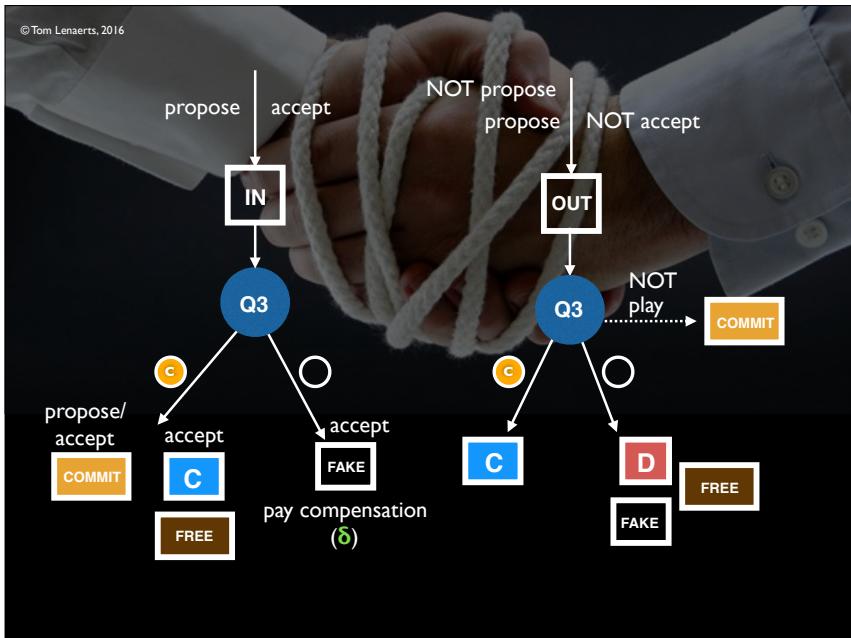


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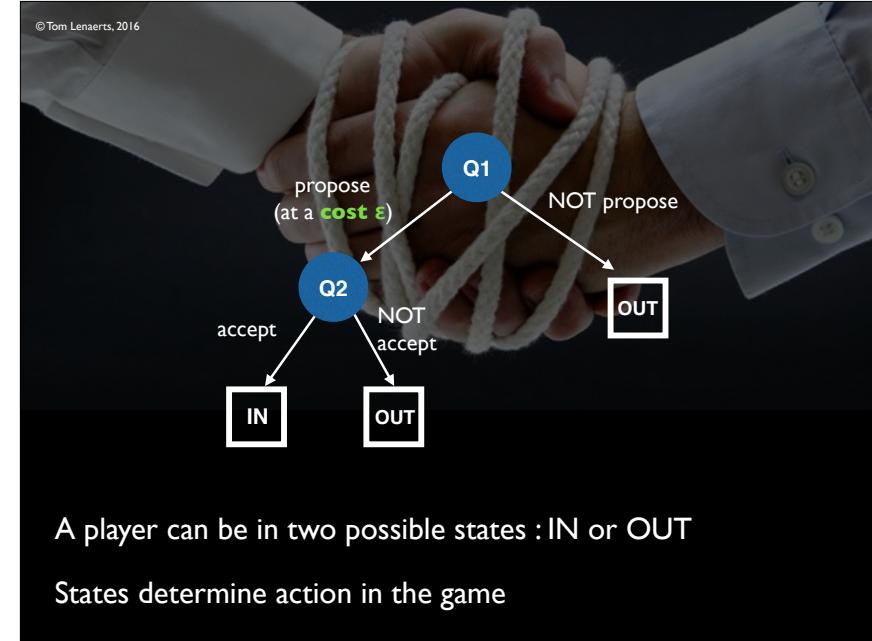
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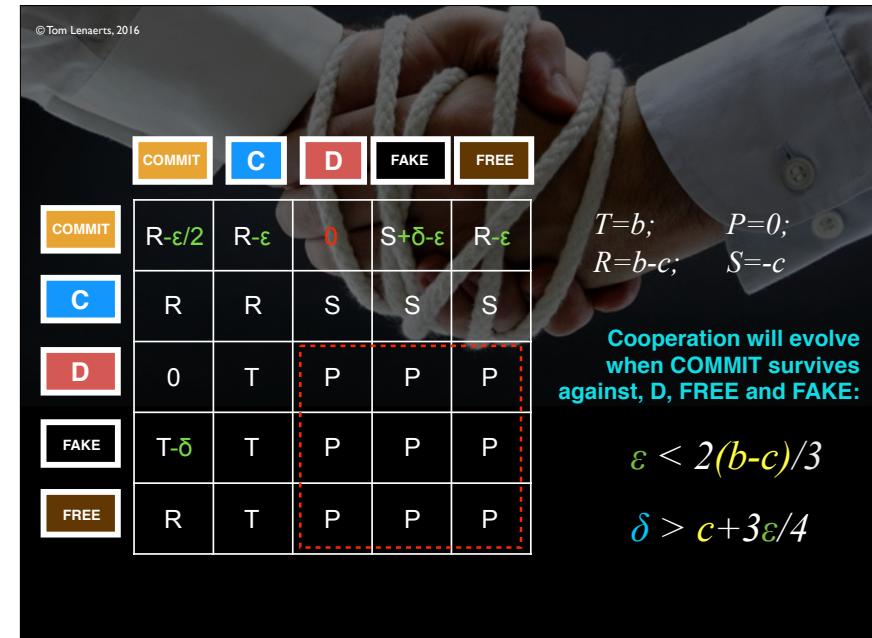
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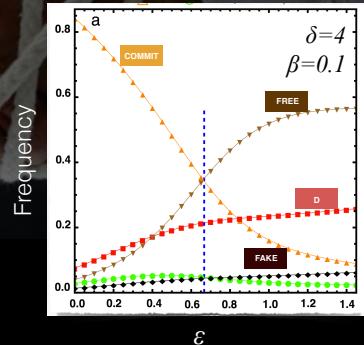
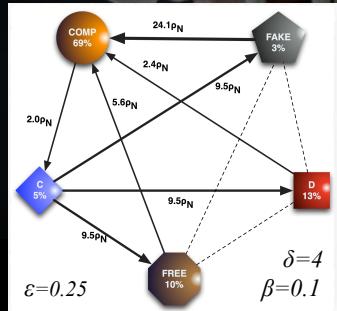


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Assuming that mutations are very rare and populations have finite size ($Z=100$) ...

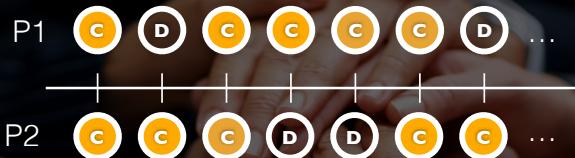


Same conclusions hold in pairwise and n -player prisoners dilemma

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Stochasticity, uncertainty and unpredictability

With a probability ω the interaction continues



How to deal with mistakes ? (Occur with probability α)

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Commitments are often long-term

With a probability ω the interaction continues



P1 C C C C C C ...
P2 C C C C C C ...

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Stochasticity, uncertainty and unpredictability

With a probability ω the interaction continues



How to deal with mistakes ? (Occur with probability α)

Should we collect the compensation or continue the agreement?

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Stochasticity, uncertainty and unpredictability

With a probability ω the interaction continues



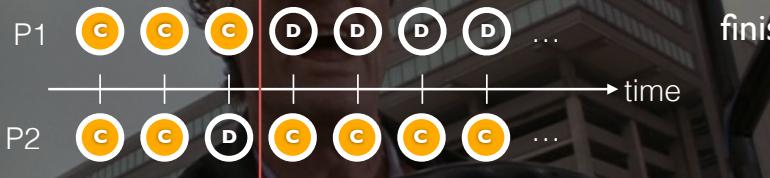
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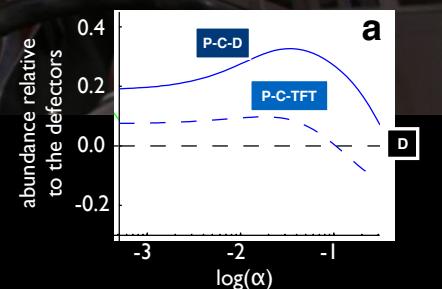
Should one take revenge or apologise and forgive?

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Individuals prefer to **defect** when the agreement breaks down and the interaction is not finished



pay compensation δ



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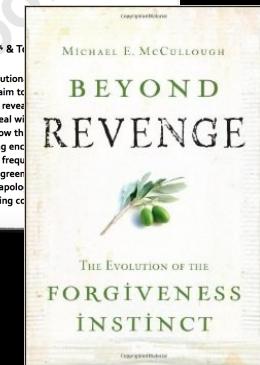
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Apology and forgiveness evolve to resolve failures in cooperative agreements

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Making agreements on how to behave has been shown to be an evolution of one-shot social dilemmas. However, in many situations agreements aim to mutually beneficial interactions. Our analytical and numerical results reveal which conditions revenge, apology and forgiveness can evolve and deal with agreements in the context of the Iterated Prisoner's Dilemma. We show that, if participants prefer to take revenge by defecting in the subsisting encounter, apology and forgiveness reveals that, even when mistakes are frequent, a threshold for which mistakes will not lead to the destruction of the agreement levels of cooperation. In short, even when to err is human, revenge, apology and forgiveness are viable strategies which play an important role in inducing cooperation.



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Apology and forgiveness evolve when the apology is sincere enough

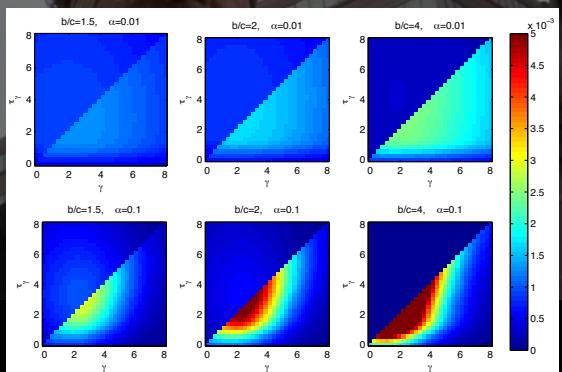


These are like the fake players
P-D-D+A
A-D-D+A



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Even when individuals determine themselves when to apologise and forgive ...



...a specific balance between a forgiveness threshold (τ) and a apology cost (γ) evolves

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Inference from experiments

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behavioral experiments associated with scientific questions typically asked in Economics
We are looking for students from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the Université Libre de Bruxelles to participate in such experiments.

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OPEN Generosity motivated by acceptance - evolutionary analysis of an anticipation game

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We here present both experimental and theoretical results for an Anticipation Game, a two-stage game where the standard Dictator Game is played after a matching phase wherein receives use the information provided by the donor. We show that the knowledge provided by the donor influences the different treatments show that partner choice induces dictators to adjust their donations towards the expectations of the receivers, giving significantly more than expected in the standard Dictator Game. This is particularly true when the knowledge provided by the donor is more accurate and when the game is determined by the knowledge provided to receivers. Secondly, we show that the recently proposed

How do people really behave in games?



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the Anticipation Game

r = past donations



STEP 1



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the Anticipation Game

r = past donations



STEP 1



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the Anticipation Game

r = past donations



STEP 1



play?

not play?

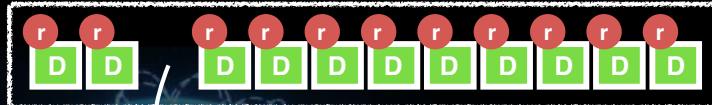


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the Anticipation Game

r = past donations



STEP 1

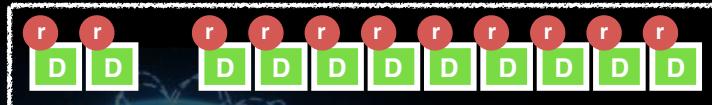


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the Anticipation Game

r = past donations



STEP 2

play



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the Anticipation Game

r = past donations



STEP 2
play

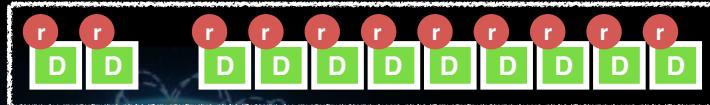


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the Anticipation Game

r = past donations



STEP 2
play



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r = past donations



STEP 2
play



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the Anticipation Game

r = past donations



STEP 2
play

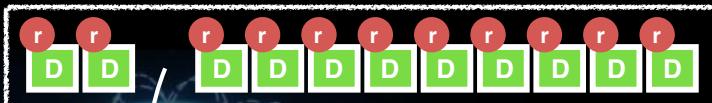


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the Anticipation Game

r = past donations



STEP 1
play?
not play?

Three variants:

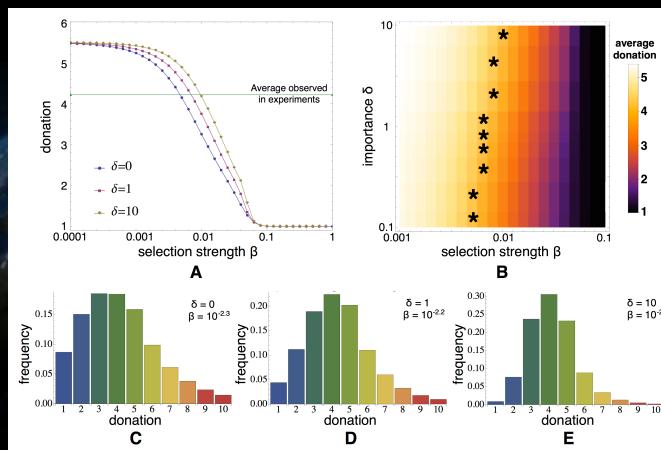
1. r always visible
2. r never visible
3. r sometimes visible



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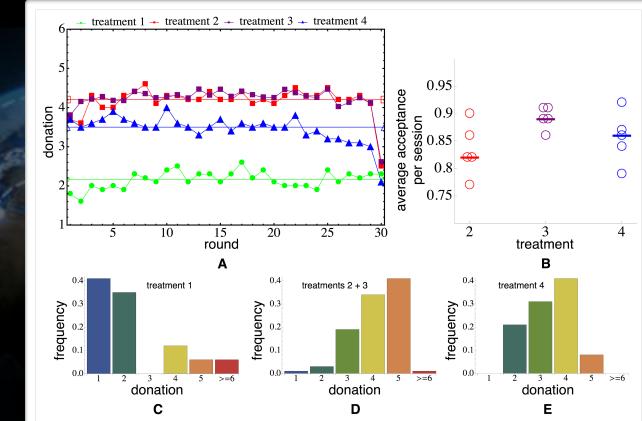
Dictator success depends on their capacity to anticipate



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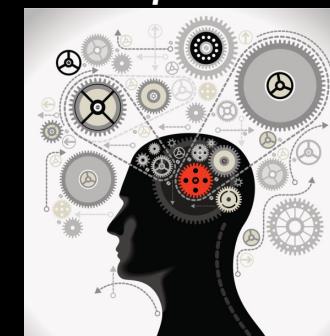
How do we form groups? How does partner choice affect behaviour?



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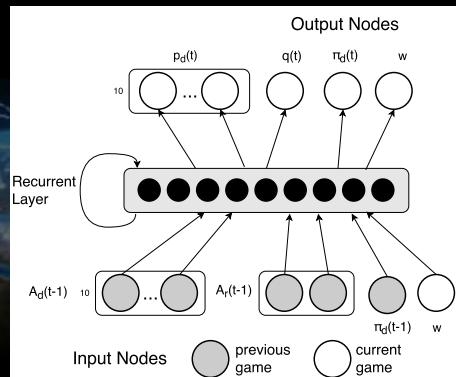
Psychological mechanisms for the evolution of cooperation?



How to model these cognitive mechanisms?

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Recurrent Neural Networks

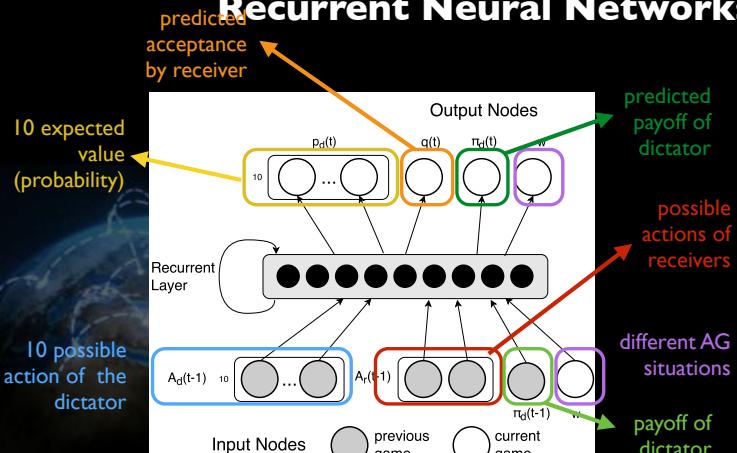


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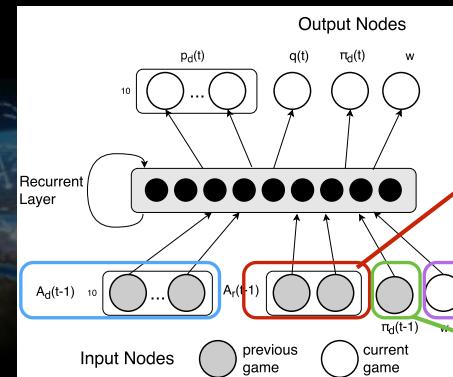


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Recurrent Neural Networks



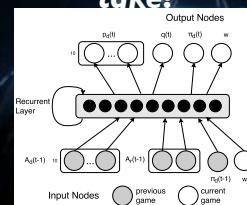
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Reactive vs. anticipative decision making

what action should a dictator take?



The probability of giving a certain amount depends on the predicted payoff

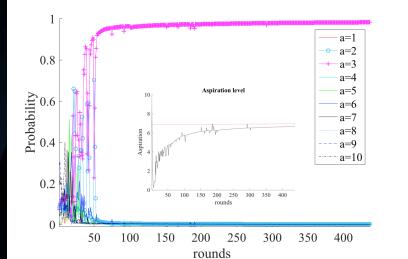
Test the success of every action and pick the one that provides the best cumulated payoff

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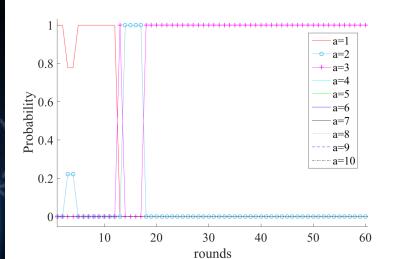
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Reactive vs. anticipative decision making

backward (RL)



forward (AL)

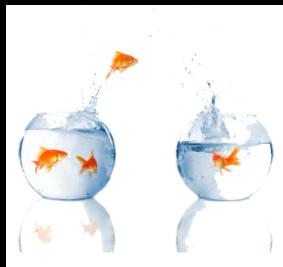


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What to conclude?



Changes in **r** changes the environment for decision making

To reproduce individual behaviour → introduce payoff received for future gains

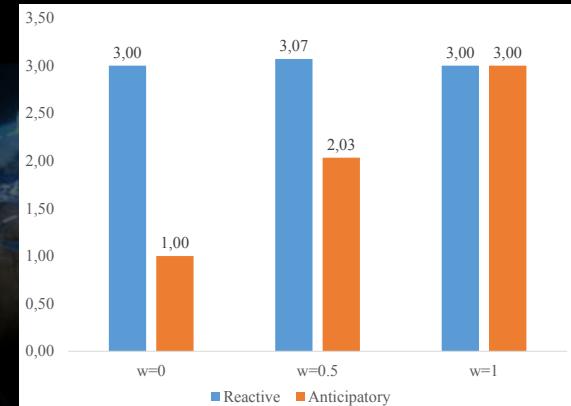
Anticipatory decision making produces correct response to a changing environment

“Every living systems is an anticipating system”
(R. Rosen 1985)

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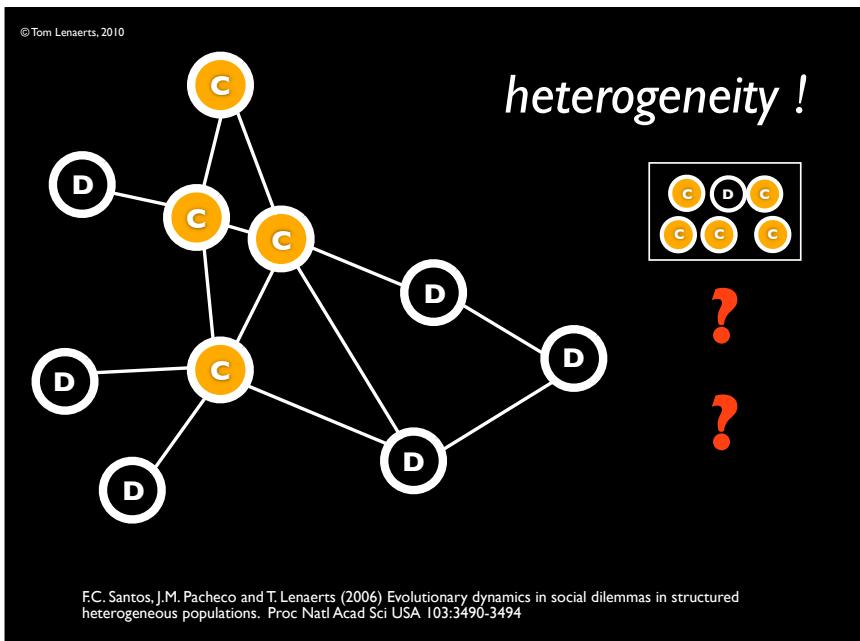
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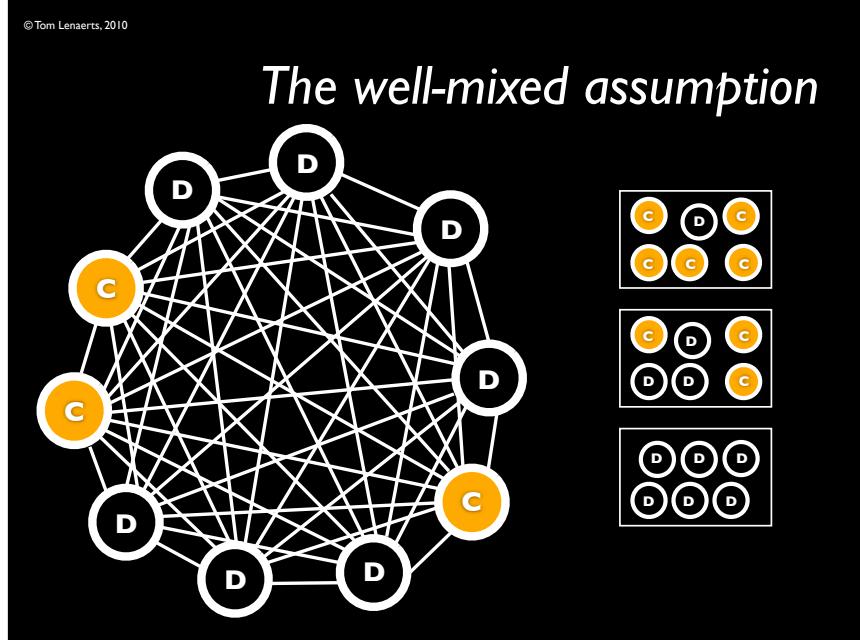
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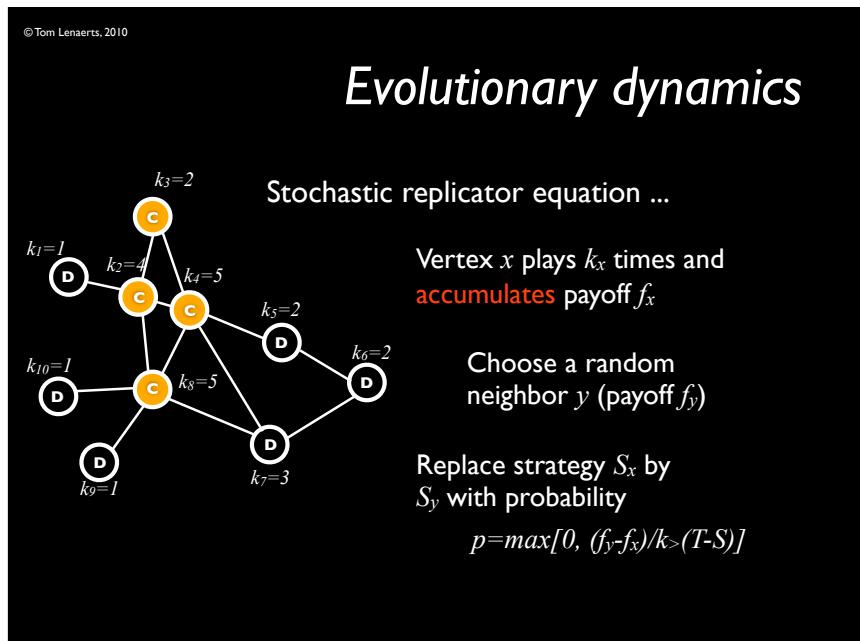
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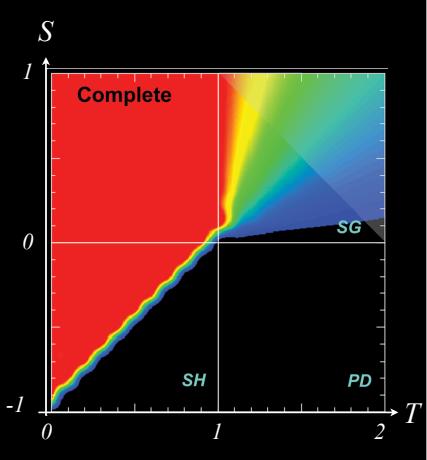
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Simulation I

The EGT assumption:
Everyone interacts with everyone

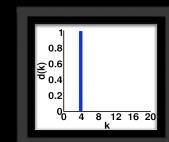
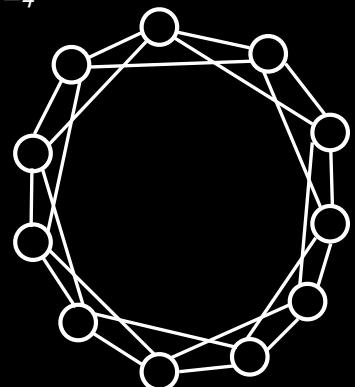
$N=10^4$
100 runs
50% C, 50% D
 $R=I, P=0$



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Regular graphs

Every node has exactly the same degree $\langle k \rangle = 4$



regular and democratic network

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Which networks?

Which models have people been using?



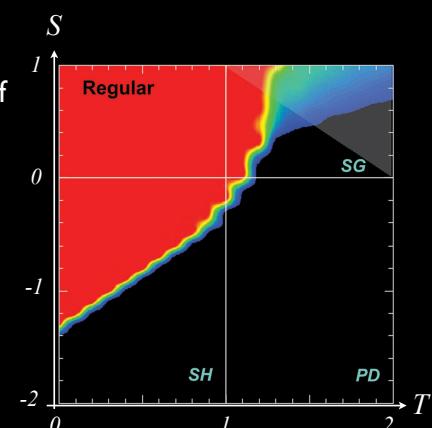
What does data tell us about real networks?

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Simulation II

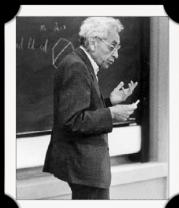
There is a limit to the number of interactions but its democratic

$N=10^4$ $\langle k \rangle = 4$
100 runs
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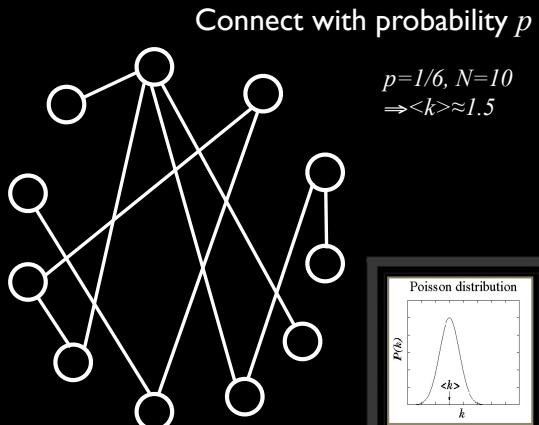


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Random graphs



random and democratic network



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Which networks?



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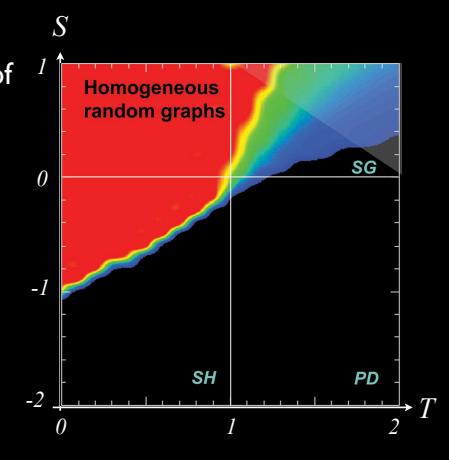


What does data tell us about real networks?

Simulation III

There is a limit to the number of interactions but its democratic and random

$N=10^4 \quad \langle k \rangle = 4$
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 $R=1, P=0$



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Small world experiment

What is the average number of connections between any two people?



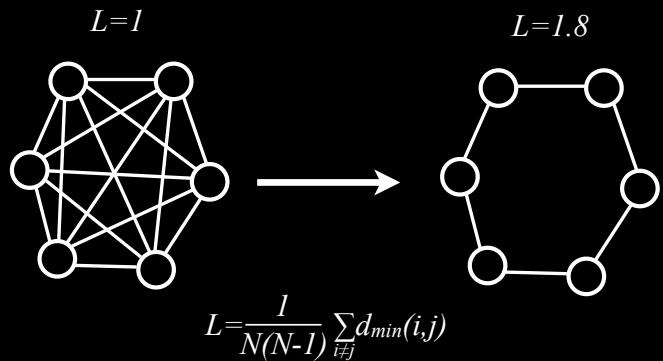
S. Milgram (1933-1984)

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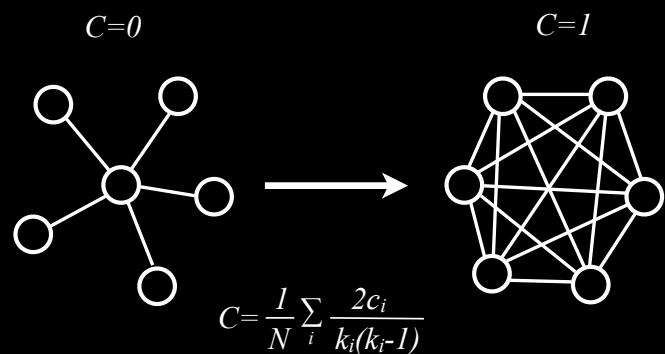
Average path length



The average path length (L) is a measure of proximity between nodes

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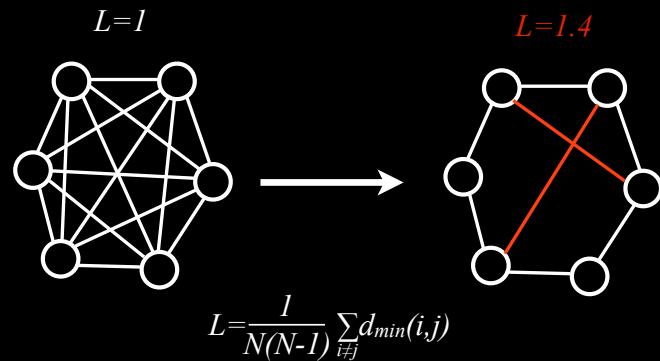
Cluster coefficient



The cluster coefficient (C) is a measure for cliquishness

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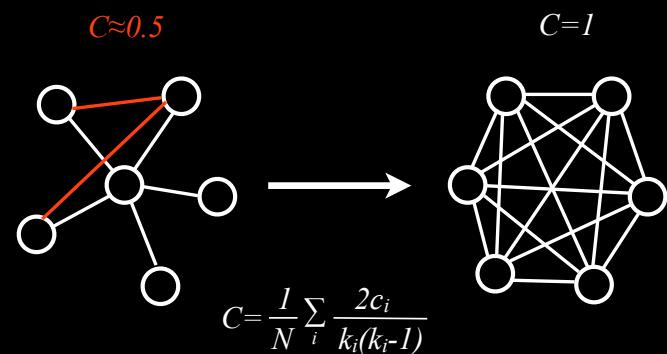
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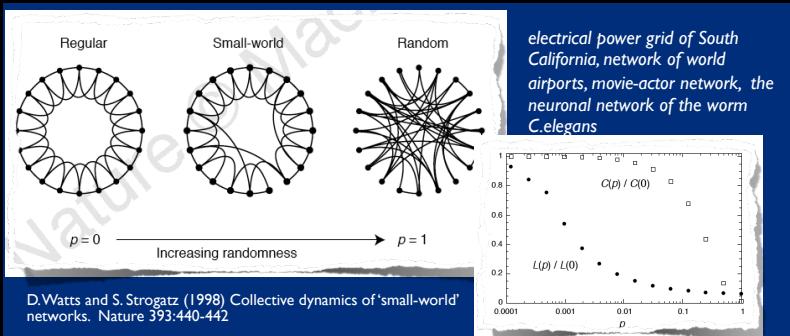
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Small world networks

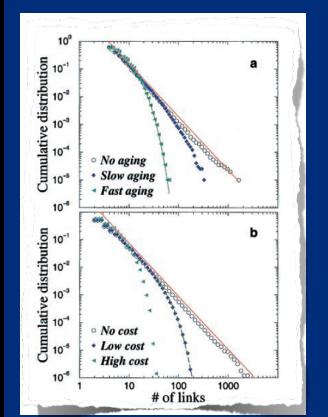


Mechanism:

1. take a regular graph
2. randomly rewire every edge with probability p
3. avoid loops and double edges

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Network classes



Aging of vertices as in the movie-actor network

cost of adding links or the limited capacity of vertices as in the airport network

L.A.N.Amaral, A.Scala, M.Barthelemy and H.E.Stanley (2000) Classes of small-world networks. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 97(21): 11149-11152

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Network classes

Classes of small-world networks

L.A.N.Amaral*, A.Scala, M.Barthelemy*, and H.E.Stanley

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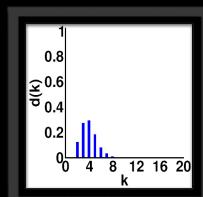
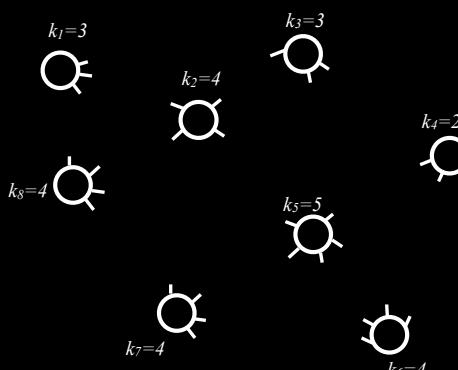
We study the statistical properties of a variety of diverse real-world networks. We present evidence of the occurrence of three classes of small-world networks: (a) scale-free networks, characterized by a vertex connectivity distribution that decays as a power law; (b) broad-scale networks, characterized by a connectivity distribution that has a power law regime followed by a sharp cutoff; and (c) single-scale networks, characterized by a connectivity distribution with a fast decaying tail. Moreover, we note for the classes of broad-scale and single-scale networks that there are constraints limiting the addition of new links. Our results suggest that the nature of such constraints may be the controlling factor for the emergence of different network classes.

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electrical power grid of South California, network of world airports, movie-actor network, acquaintance network of mormons, friendship network of 417 Madison Junior High school students, the neuronal network of the worm C.elegans, the conformational space of a lattice polymer chain

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Configuration model

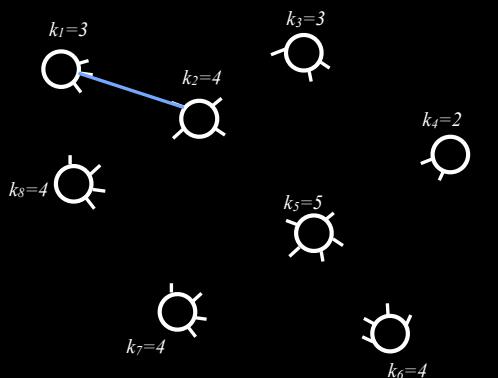


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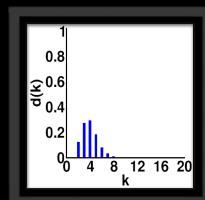
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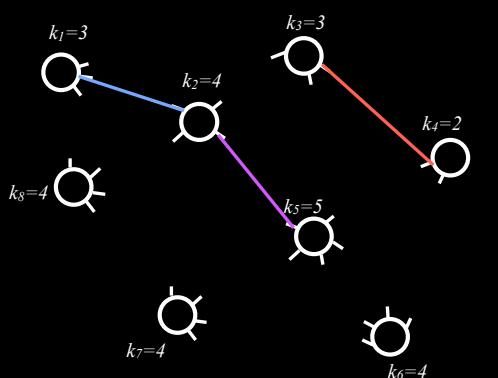
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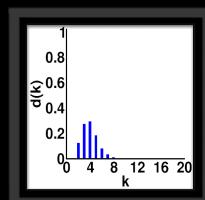
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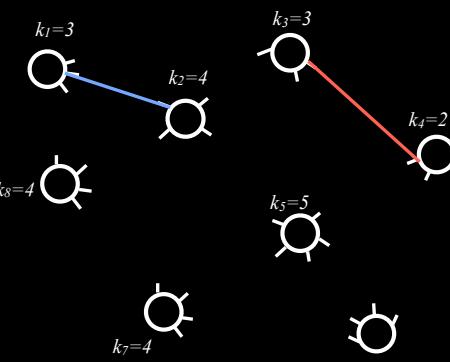
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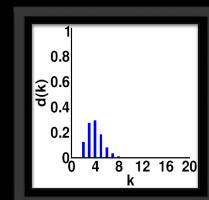
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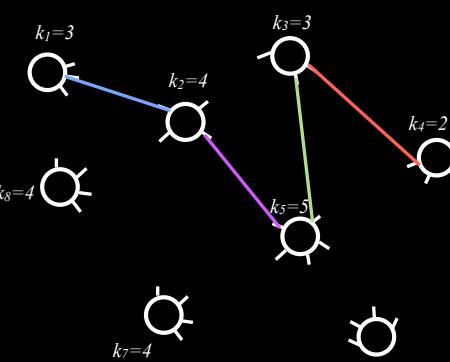
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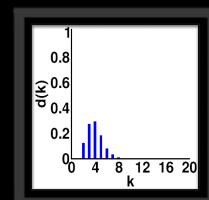
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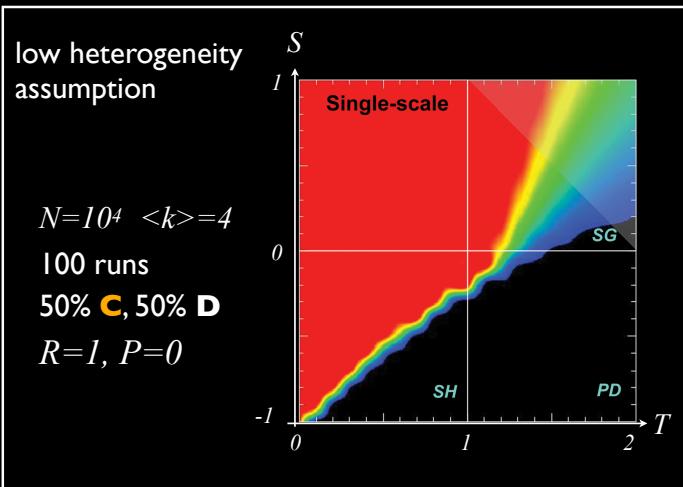
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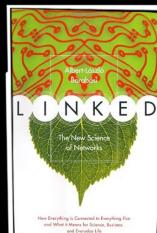
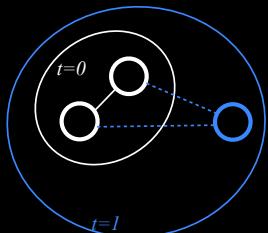
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Simulation IV



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Scale-free Networks

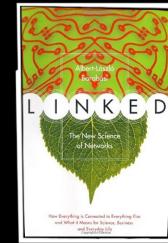
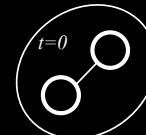


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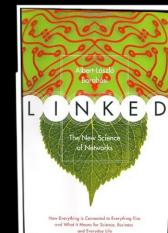
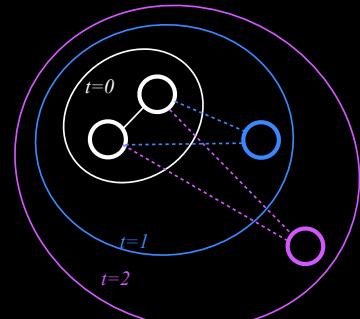


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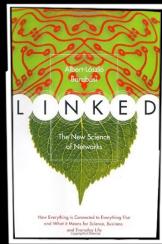
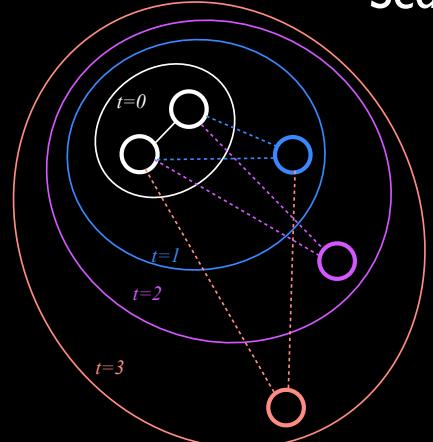
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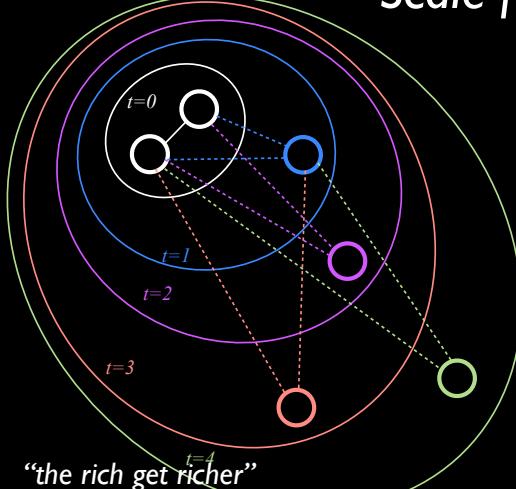


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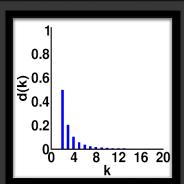
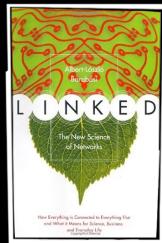
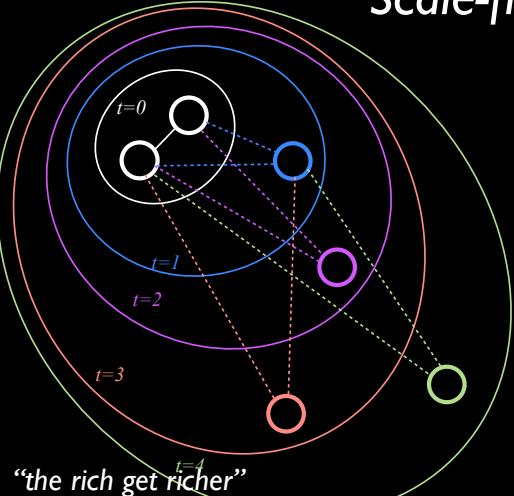


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Simulation V

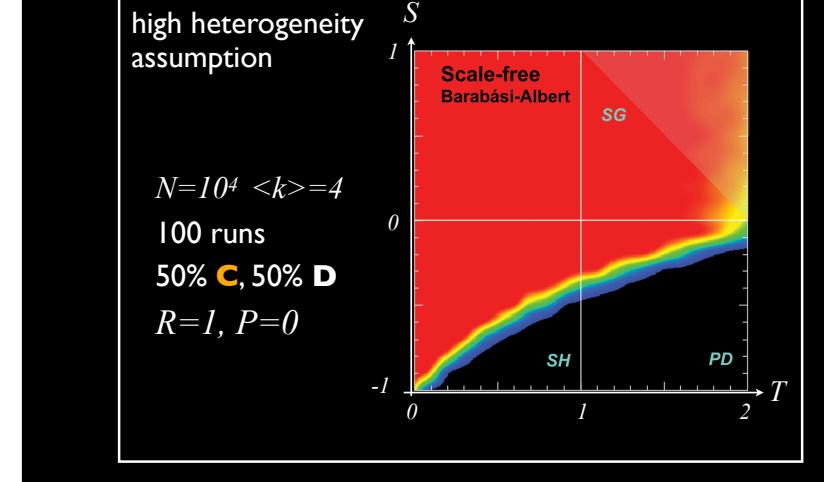
high heterogeneity assumption

$N=10^4$ $\langle k \rangle = 4$

100 runs

50% C, 50% D

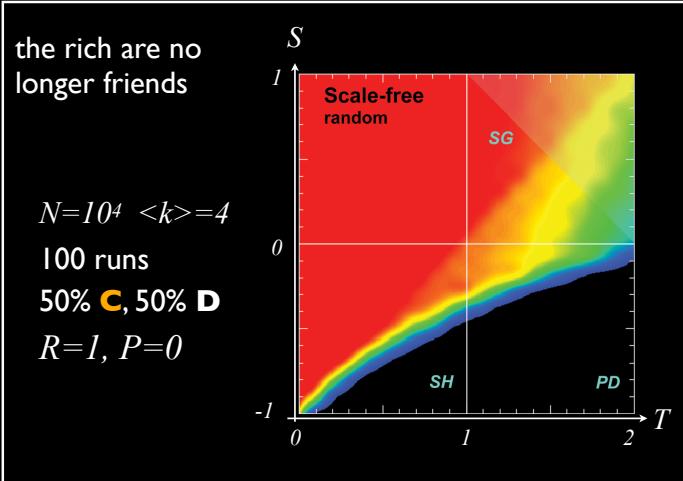
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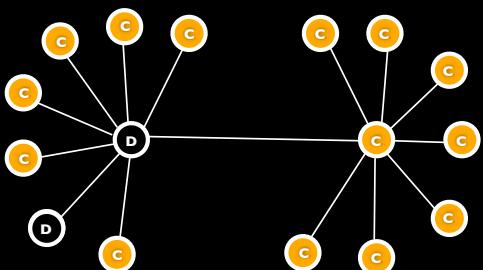
Simulation VI



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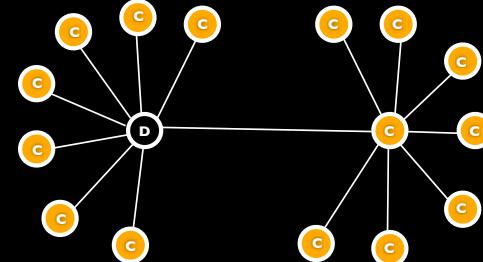
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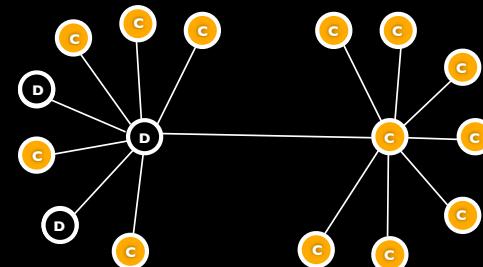
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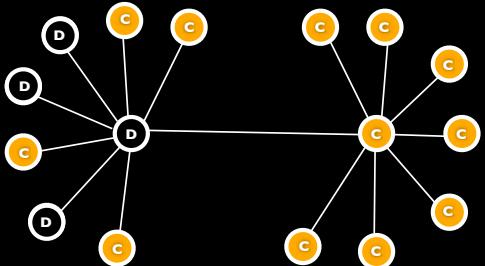
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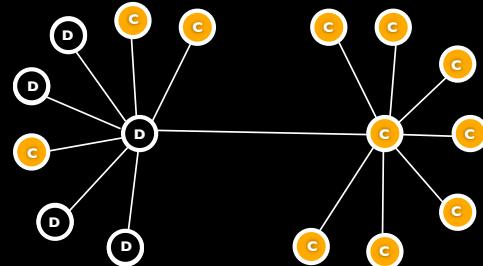
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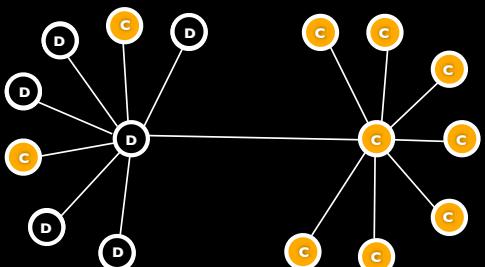
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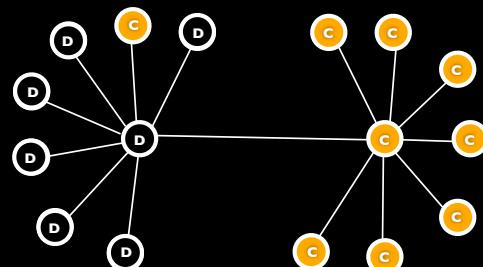
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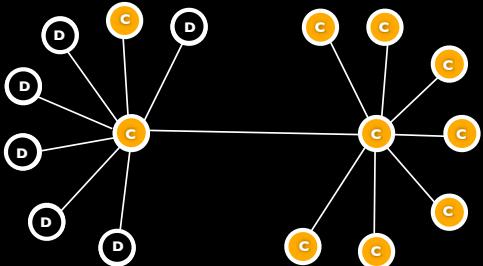
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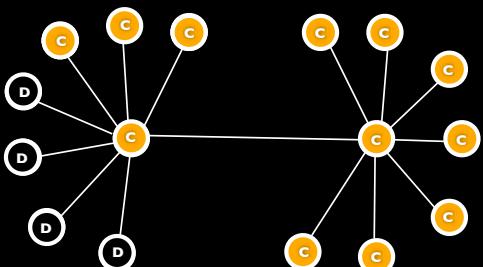
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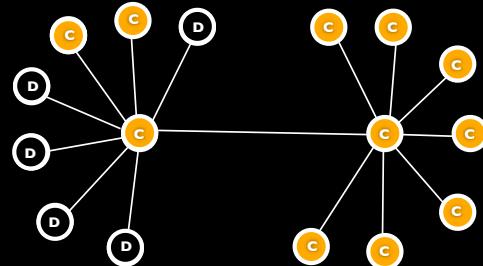
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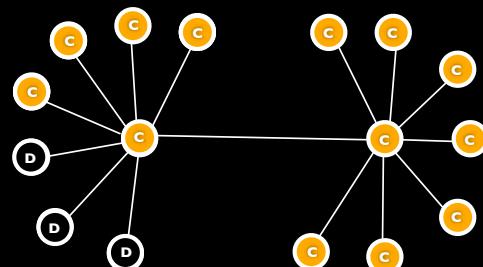
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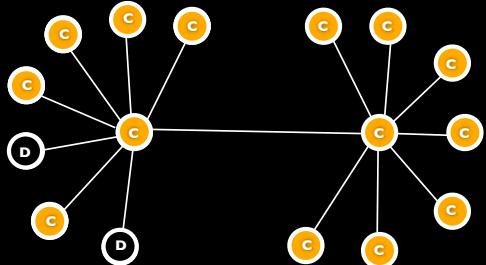
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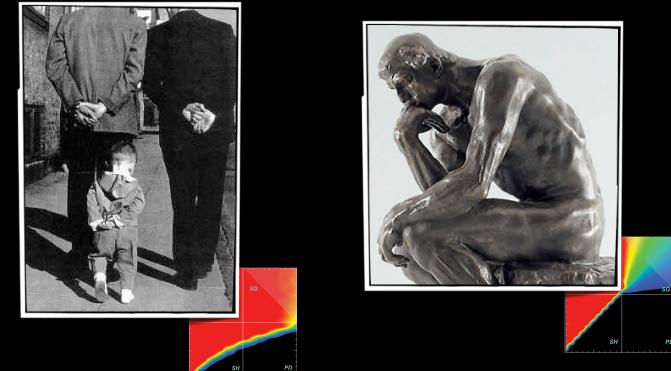
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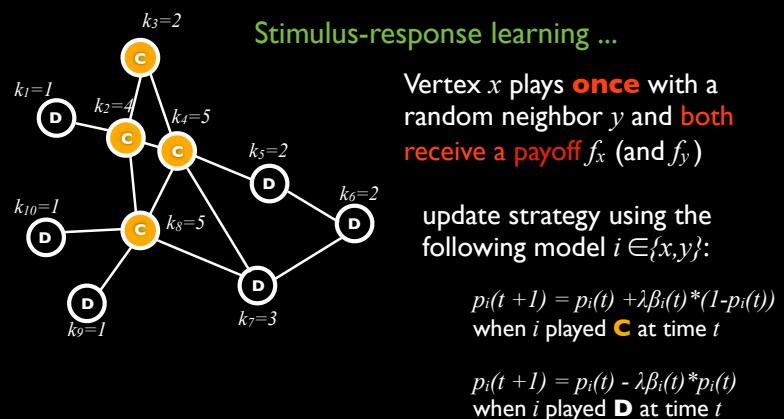
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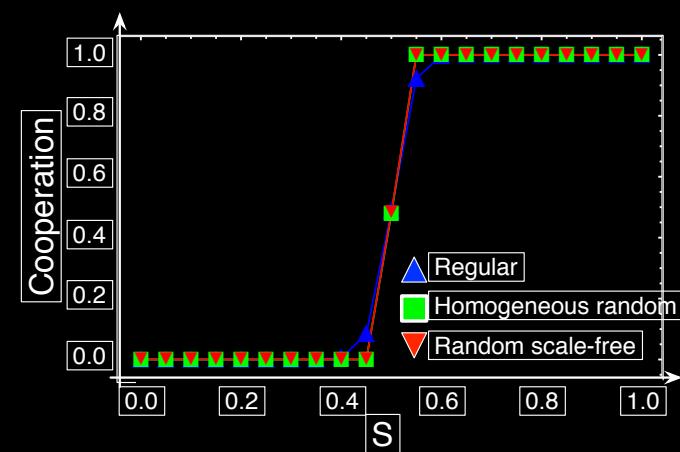
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social versus individual learning

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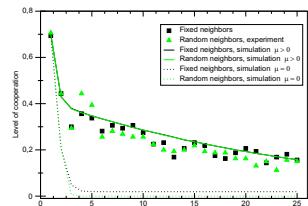
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Networks are dynamic

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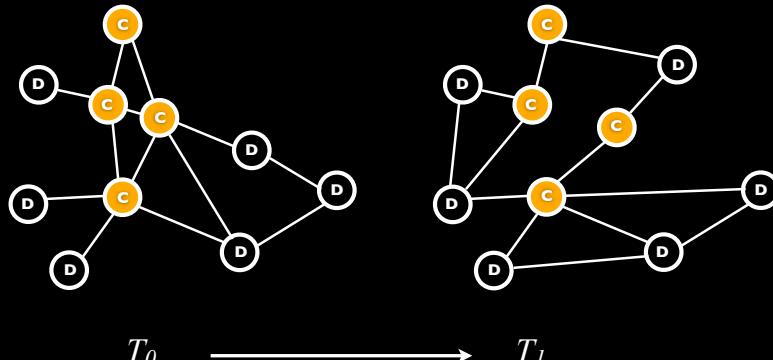
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Networks are dynamic

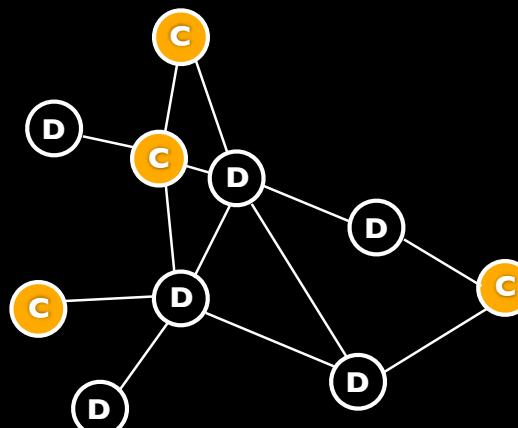
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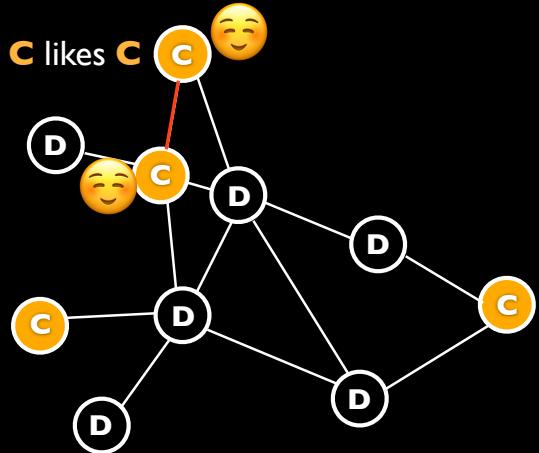
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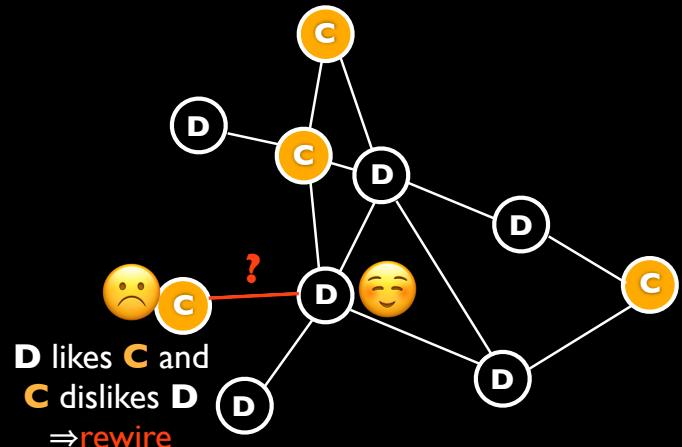
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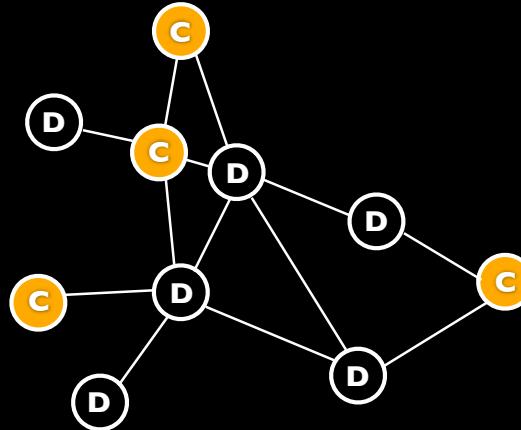
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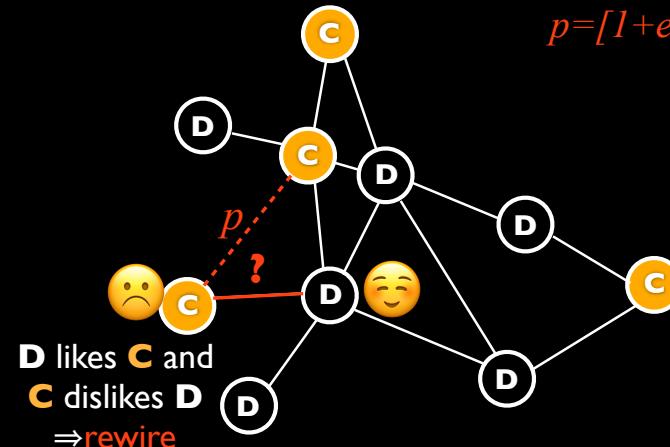
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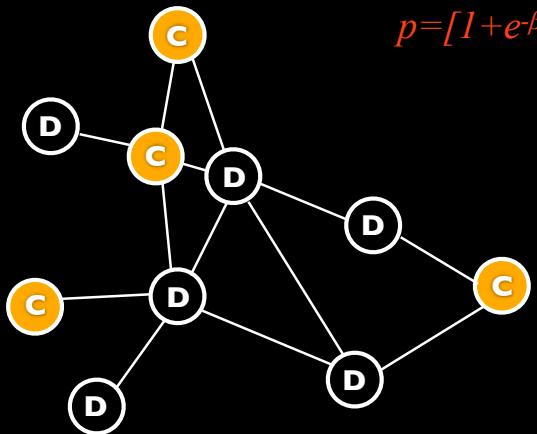
$$p = [1 + e^{-\beta(f_A - f_B)}]^{-1}$$



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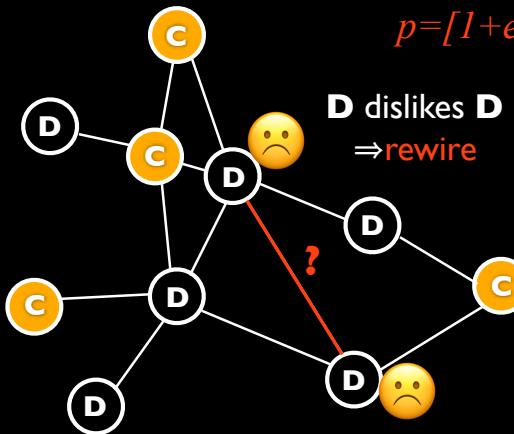
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rewiring strategy

$$p = [1 + e^{-\beta(fA - fB)}]^{-1}$$



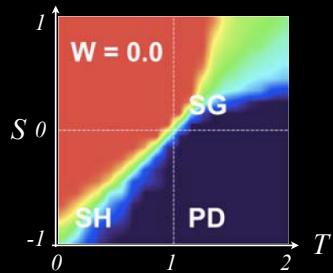
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two timescales

$$\tau_n \longrightarrow \quad W = \frac{\tau_n}{\tau_s}$$

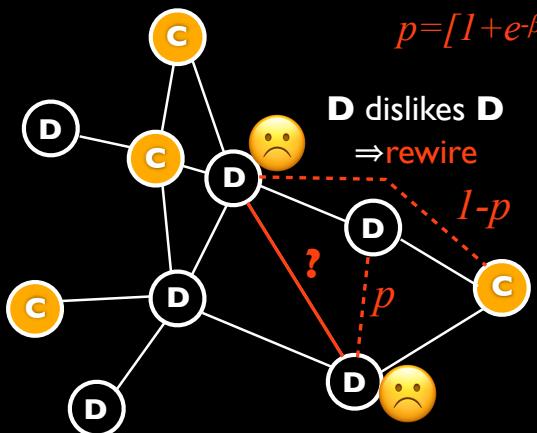
Simulations

$N=10^4$
 $\langle k \rangle = 30$
 $\beta=0.005$
50% C, 50% D
 $P=R-I \quad P=0$



rewiring strategy

$$p = [1 + e^{-\beta(fA - fB)}]^{-1}$$



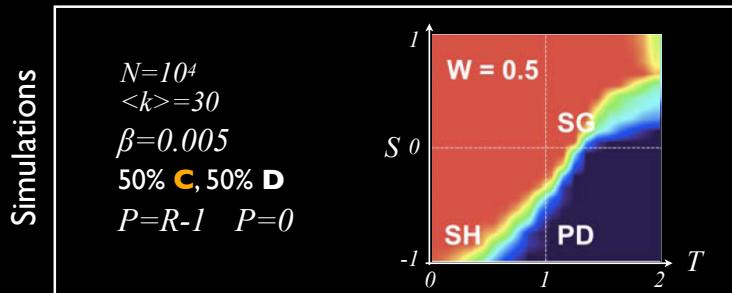
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two timescales

$$\tau_n \longrightarrow \quad \quad \quad W = \frac{\tau_n}{\tau_s}$$

$$\tau_s \longrightarrow$$

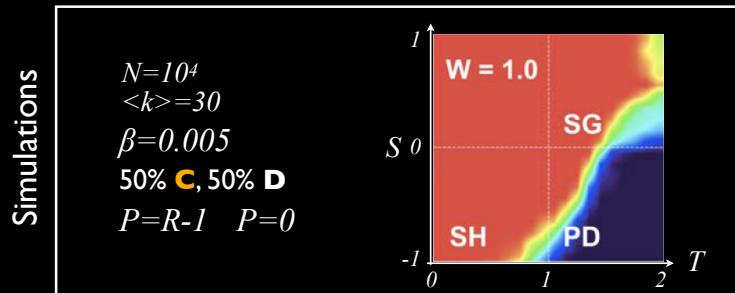


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two timescales

$$\tau_n \longrightarrow \quad \quad \quad W = \frac{\tau_n}{\tau_s}$$

$$\tau_s \longrightarrow$$

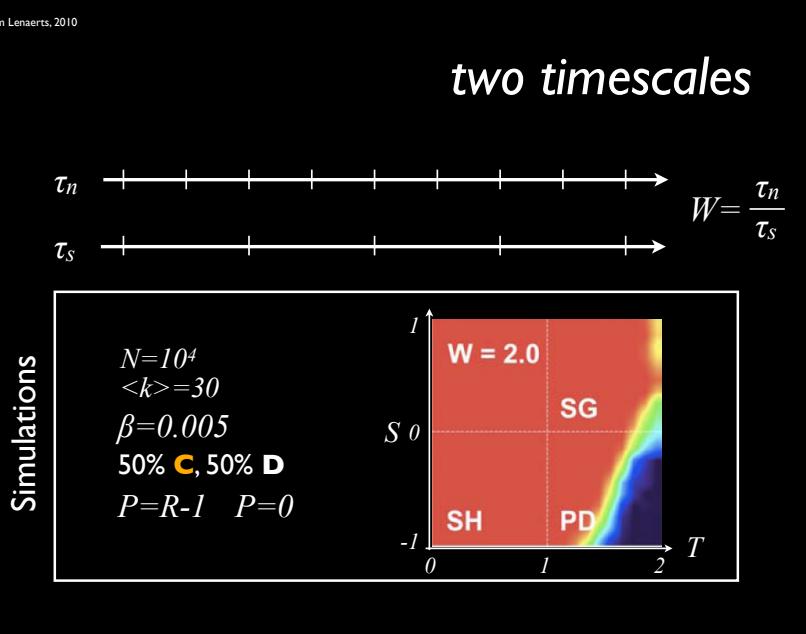


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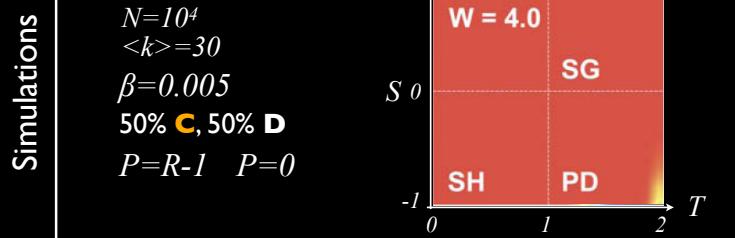
two timescales

$$\tau_n \longrightarrow \quad \quad \quad W = \frac{\tau_n}{\tau_s}$$

$$\tau_s \longrightarrow$$



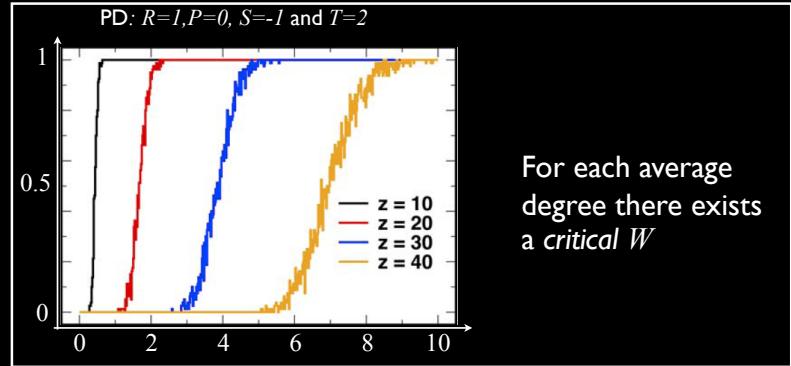
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Fast linking promotes C

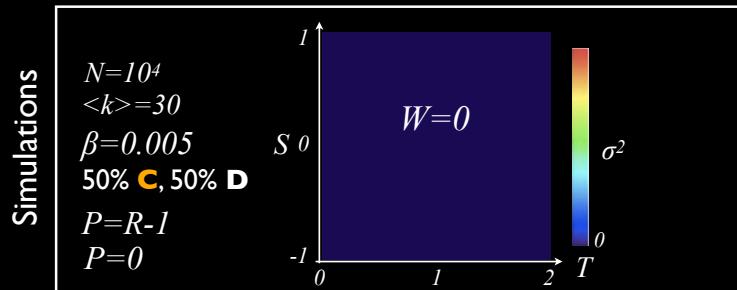
Simulation



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Effects on topology

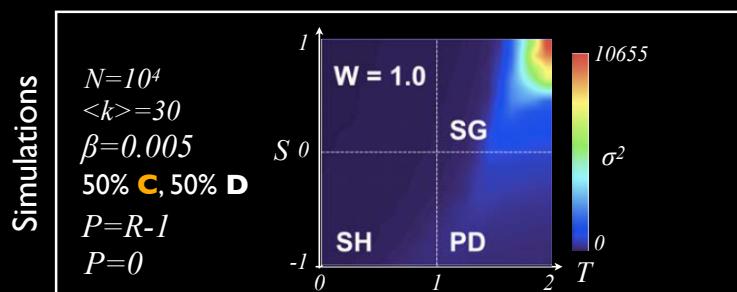
$$\tau_n \longrightarrow W = \frac{\tau_n}{\tau_s}$$



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Effects on topology

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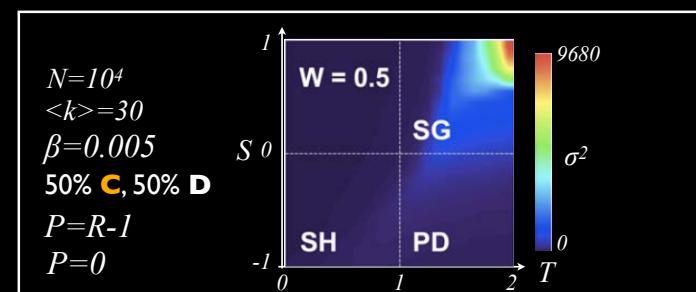


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Effects on topology

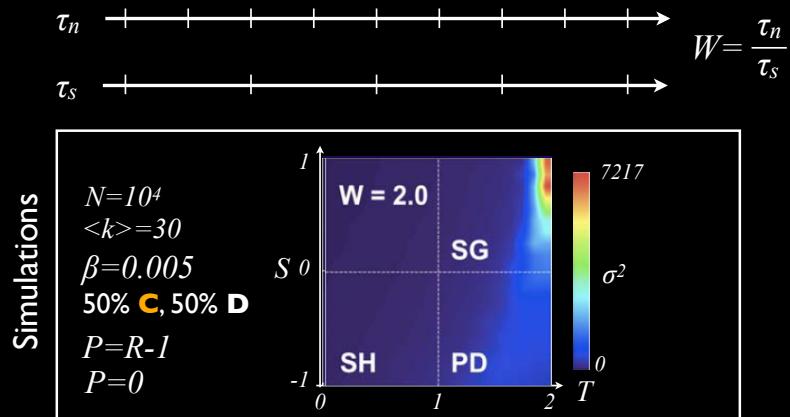
Simulations

$$\tau_n \longrightarrow W = \frac{\tau_n}{\tau_s}$$



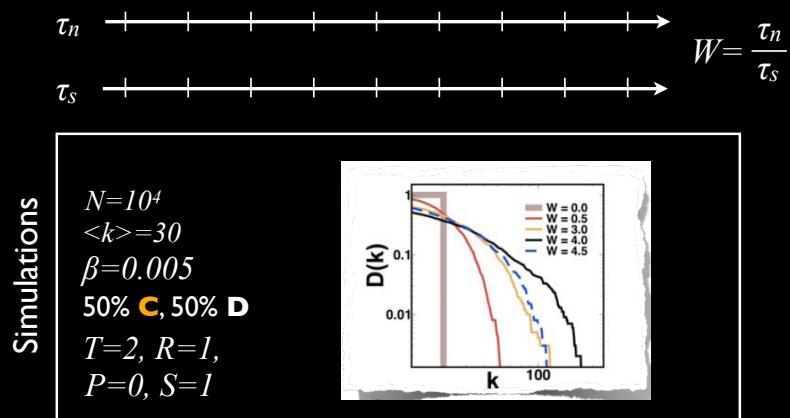
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Effects on topology



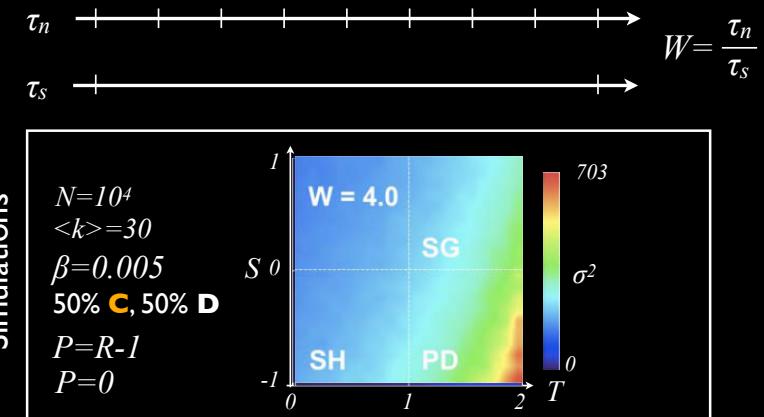
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Effects on topology



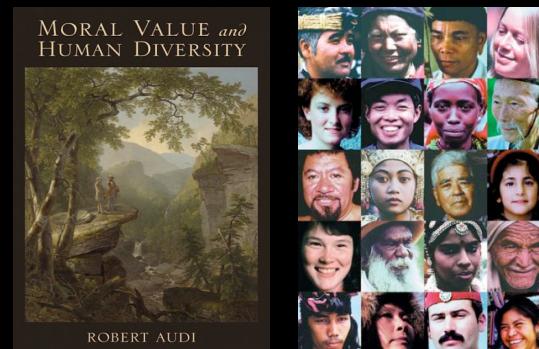
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Effects on topology



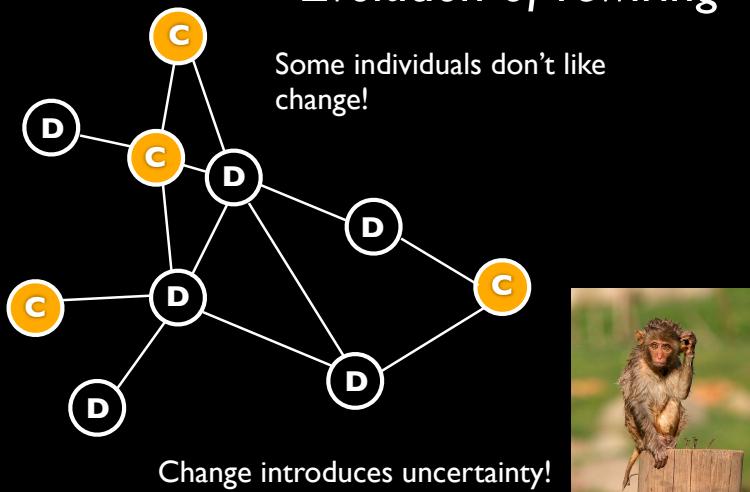
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Everyone reacts differently



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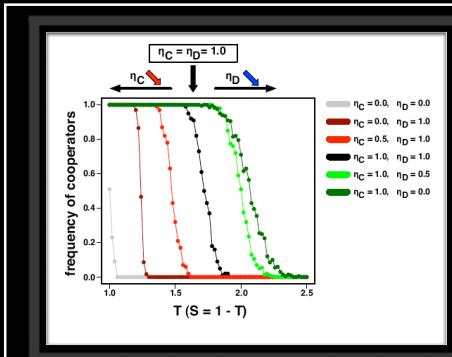
Evolution of rewiring



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Fast versus slow

Simulation I



Assume fixed η for
C and **D**

PD game

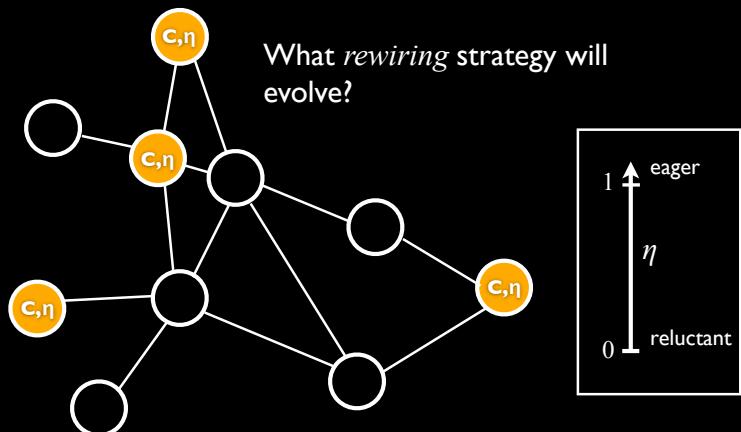
$N=10^3$ $z=30$

100 runs

50% **C**, 50% **D**

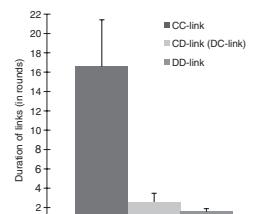
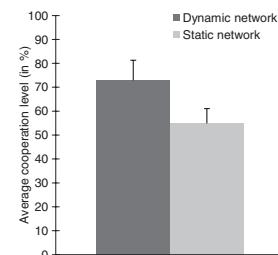
$W=2.5$ $\beta=0.005$

Evolution of rewiring



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Recent experiments



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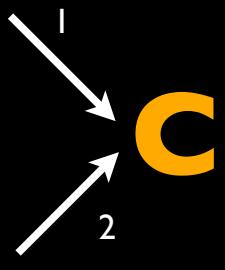
Summary

C

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Summary

Heterogeneity

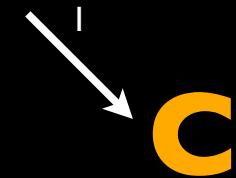


Rewiring

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Summary

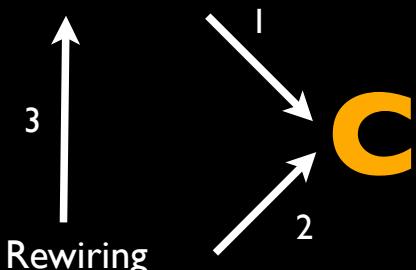
Heterogeneity



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Summary

Heterogeneity



Rewiring

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