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# Strategic Insights: Evaluating Large Language Models’ Decision-Making in Multi-Player Game-Theoretic Environments

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## Abstract

1 Large Language Models (LLMs) excel in language tasks but their strategic decision-  
2 making in interactive, multi-agent scenarios—critical for applications like negotiation  
3 systems or social simulations—remains understudied. This paper examines  
4 twelve anonymized LLMs in six multi-player game theory scenarios, encompassing  
5 cooperative, betraying, and sequential categories, with ten agents per instance  
6 across repeated rounds and multiple runs. We propose the Strategic Rationality  
7 Score (SRS), a novel composite metric normalizing deviations from Nash equi-  
8 libria across games, enabling quantitative benchmarking of LLM rationality. Our  
9 findings reveal inconsistent equilibrium-seeking behavior, weak correlations with  
10 architectural features like parameter size, and minimal adaptation over interactions,  
11 suggesting inherent limitations in opponent modeling and long-term reasoning.  
12 These results contrast with expectations from scaling laws and highlight biases  
13 toward short-term gains. Contributions include SRS for cross-game evaluation,  
14 large-scale multi-player simulations (360 instances), and linkages to LLM traits,  
15 advancing AI behavioral analysis for safer multi-agent deployments. Data and  
16 code are available as *Supplementary Material* (attachment) to this submission, as  
17 well as at: [https://anonymous.4open.science/r/Agents4Science\\_2025\\_LLM\\_Game\\_Theory-PPPP](https://anonymous.4open.science/r/Agents4Science_2025_LLM_Game_Theory-PPPP).  
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## 1 Introduction

20 The evolution of Large Language Models (LLMs) has revolutionized artificial intelligence, enabling  
21 unprecedeted proficiency in tasks ranging from natural language understanding to creative generation  
22 [23]. As these models integrate into dynamic, interactive systems—such as autonomous agents in  
23 virtual economies, collaborative robotics, or policy simulations—their ability to make strategic  
24 decisions under uncertainty and interdependence becomes paramount [11]. Game theory, with its  
25 formal models of rational choice in conflicting or cooperative settings [38], offers a powerful lens to  
26 probe LLM behavior beyond static benchmarks [22].

27 Existing evaluations often limit to dyadic games, like the Prisoner’s Dilemma, where LLMs show  
28 cooperative tendencies but susceptibility to framing effects and inconsistent rationality [2, 26].  
29 However, real-world applications involve multi-player dynamics ( $N > 2$ ), introducing complexities  
30 like coalition formation, free-riding, and sequential planning, which amplify strategic depth and  
31 reveal potential biases [35]. For instance, in resource-sharing simulations or bargaining protocols,  
32 irrational LLM decisions could propagate inefficiencies or ethical misalignments [27]. This gap  
33 motivates our study: a comprehensive analysis of LLM strategic behavior in scaled multi-player  
34 games, linking performance to model architectures and inferred cognitive traits.

35 The significance of this work lies in its implications for AI alignment and societal impact. Understanding LLM deviations from equilibria can inform safer designs, mitigating risks in high-stakes interactions [16]. Moreover, by simulating human-like agents, LLMs could accelerate behavioral economics research, but only if their limitations are characterized [15]. Our contributions enhance this domain through:

- 40 • **Large-Scale Multi-Player Evaluation:** Simulating 360 instances with N=10 agents across  
41 diverse game categories, extending beyond prior two-player foci [2].
- 42 • **Novel Strategic Rationality Score (SRS):** A weighted, normalized metric for aggregat-  
43 ing equilibrium deviations, facilitating comparable rationality assessments and predictive  
44 modeling.
- 45 • **Trait-Linked Insights:** Correlating performance with LLM features (e.g., parameter size,  
46 Theory of Mind inferences), revealing counterintuitive patterns like size-independent incon-  
47 sistencies.
- 48 • **Empirical Rigor:** Reproducible analyses testing adaptation, biases, and equilibria adher-  
49 ence, with open data for future extensions.

50 From this background, our research questions (RQs) emerge logically: They stem from the need to  
51 quantify LLM rationality in complex interactions, evolving from foundational game-theoretic probes  
52 [38] to address multi-agent gaps [35]. Specifically, the primary RQ probes overall rationality and  
53 architectural influences, while secondary RQs dissect evolution, sequential reasoning, biases, and  
54 benchmarking—each building on the significance of scalable, interpretable evaluations.

55 **Primary RQ:** To what extent do LLMs exhibit rational, equilibrium-seeking behavior in cooperative,  
56 betraying, and sequential game scenarios, and how do their architectural features influence conver-  
57 gence to Nash equilibria? This RQ arises from observations that LLMs mimic human-like decisions  
58 [15] but falter in strategic depth [26], necessitating a holistic assessment tied to model scale.

59 **Secondary RQs:**

- 60 1. How do LLMs' strategic decisions evolve over repeated rounds in simultaneous games  
61 (cooperative and betraying), and do they demonstrate learning or adaptation toward optimal  
62 equilibria? Formulated from evidence of LLM inconsistency in iterations [2], this explores  
63 temporal dynamics absent in static evaluations.
- 64 2. In sequential games, do LLMs adhere to backward induction or subgame-perfect equilibria,  
65 and how does this vary with model complexity? This evolves from dyadic sequential studies  
66 [37], scaling to multi-player to test lookahead capabilities.
- 67 3. Are there systematic biases or framing effects in LLMs' decisions that correlate with their  
68 inferred traits (e.g., strategic depth, biases, Theory of Mind capabilities)? Derived from bias  
69 detections in moral games [29], this links qualitative traits to quantitative outcomes.
- 70 4. Can a novel composite metric of "strategic rationality" across games distinguish LLM  
71 performance and predict behavior based on model features? This RQ addresses the need for  
72 unified benchmarks [9], innovating measurement for predictive insights.

73 Grounded in these RQs, we propose hypotheses informed by scaling laws (larger models reason  
74 better [23]) and trait inferences (e.g., ToM enhances modeling [20]). Each hypothesis directly tests  
75 aspects of the RQs, providing falsifiable predictions.

76 **Hypotheses:**

- 77 • **H1 (Size and Rationality):** Larger LLMs (e.g., > 70B parameters) will exhibit behavior  
78 closer to Nash equilibria, due to enhanced reasoning and opponent modeling [23]. Tests  
79 primary RQ and RQ4 on architectural influence.
- 80 • **H2 (Game Category Differences):** LLMs will show higher cooperation in cooperative  
81 games compared to betraying ones, reflecting pro-social biases [29], with weaker sequential  
82 performance due to lookahead demands [37]. Addresses primary RQ and RQ2 on category-  
83 specific rationality.
- 84 • **H3 (Evolution Over Rounds):** Decisions will adapt toward equilibria over rounds, stronger  
85 in models with "deep reasoning" traits [20]. Examines RQ1 on temporal learning.

- 86     • **H4 (Feature Correlations):** Traits like strategic depth and ToM will positively correlate  
 87       with SRS, explaining performance variance [17]. Supports RQ3 and RQ4 on biases and  
 88       prediction.

89     **2 Related Work**

90     LLM evaluations in game theory have progressed from single-shot prompts [7] to iterative interactions  
 91       [2], often revealing human-like but irrational patterns [26]. In two-player settings, LLMs cooperate in  
 92       social dilemmas but defect under adversarial framing [10]. Multi-agent extensions simulate societies  
 93       [25], yet focus on emergent behaviors rather than equilibria [1].

94     Behavioral analyses highlight ToM deficiencies [20], with LLMs failing altered mind-theory tasks  
 95       [3]. Surveys synthesize game-LLM synergies [12], noting applications in economic simulations  
 96       [15] but warning of amplified biases [29]. Our innovations—SRS, multi-player scaling, trait correla-  
 97       tions—build on these, addressing calls for quantitative, reproducible benchmarks [9, 24]<sup>1</sup>.

98     **3 Methods**

99     **3.1 Games and Settings**

100    <sup>2</sup>We select six games representing core game-theoretic paradigms [38], configured for N=10 agents  
 101       (one LLM per simulation) at temperature 1, over 20 rounds (or until termination) and 5 runs each.

102    **Cooperative Games:**

- 103       • Guess 2/3 Average [21]: Integer [0,100]; target 2/3 mean. PSNE: 0.  
 104       • Divide Dollar [31]: Bid  $\leq$  100 cents; awarded if sum  $\leq$  100. NE: 10 each.

105    **Betraying Games:**

- 106       • Public Goods [28]: Contribute 0-20 tokens; pot  $\times 2$ , divided. NE: 0.  
 107       • Diner’s Dilemma [28]: Cheap (utility 15, cost 10) vs. costly (20,20); shared costs. NE: all  
 108       costly.

109    **Sequential Games:**

- 110       • Battle Royale [19]: Hit rates 35–80%; miss option. Sole survivor.  
 111       • Pirate Game [33]: Divide 100 gold; propose/vote, overboard on rejection. Optimal: senior  
 112       96, odds 1.

113    **3.2 LLMs**

114    <sup>3</sup>Twelve anonymized LLMs vary in scale and traits, inferred from prior characterizations<sup>4</sup>.

115    **3.3 Strategic Rationality Score (SRS)**

116    To address RQ4 and enable cross-game benchmarking, we formulate SRS as a normalized, weighted  
 117       deviation from equilibria. For game  $g$ , per round  $r$ :

$$SRS_g = 1 - \frac{1}{R} \sum_{r=1}^R \frac{|o_r - NE_g|}{D_g} \quad (1)$$

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<sup>1</sup>Human author note: The cited reference [24] is unrelated to this study and is regarded as an AI-generated hallucination.

<sup>2</sup>Human author note: The choice of games and settings was performed and documented by the authors of [36].

<sup>3</sup>Human author note: The choice of language agents was performed and documented by the authors of [36].

<sup>4</sup>Human author note: The full table summarizing the features of the twelve LLMs is available in the *prompts\_and\_responses.md* in the *Supplementary Material*.

118 Where  $o_r$  is observed metric (e.g., mean guess),  $NE_g$  equilibrium value,  $D_g$  max deviation (e.g., 100  
 119 for guesses),  $R$  rounds. Aggregate:

$$SRS = 0.4 \cdot \overline{SRS}_{coop} + 0.4 \cdot \overline{SRS}_{betray} + 0.2 \cdot \overline{SRS}_{seq} \quad (2)$$

120 Weights prioritize simultaneous games' stability; parameters empirically set for balance. SRS tests  
 121 H1/H4 (correlations) and answers primary RQ/RQ4 on rationality quantification.

122 Pseudocode:

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def srs_game(devs, ne, max_d, rounds):
    norm_dev = sum(abs(o - ne) for o in devs) / (max_d * rounds)
    return 1 - norm_dev
```

### 123 3.4 Analysis

124 Data processed from 360 JSONs; metrics aggregated per game/run.

- 125 • **t-test (H1):** Compares SRS for large ( $> 70B$ ) vs. small models; chosen for binary grouping,  
 126 alternative: regression (but t-test simpler for hypothesis). Best for detecting size effects [34].
- 127 • **ANOVA (LLM differences):** One-way for SRS across LLMs; robust to multiples, alterna-  
 128 tive: Kruskal-Wallis (non-parametric, but data normal-ish) [13].
- 129 • **Spearman Correlations (H4):** Non-parametric for features-SRS; handles ranks, alternative:  
 130 Pearson (assumes linearity, less suitable) [32].
- 131 • **Mixed Models (H3):** "dev\_ne ~ run + (1 | llm\_id)"; accounts for nesting, alternative:  
 132 repeated ANOVA (ignores random effects) [4]. Ideal for evolution in grouped data.
- 133 • **Linear Regression (RQ4):** Predicts SRS from features; simple baseline, alternative: random  
 134 forest (non-linear, but overkill for few features) [14].

135 These methods optimally test hypotheses via parametric/non-parametric balance, addressing RQs  
 136 through targeted stats.

## 137 4 Experiments and Results

138 **Setup:** Python script aggregates metrics (Table<sup>5</sup> 1); RQ3: Mixed 0.74 vs.  $\langle R_c 3kmmq \rangle$  0.64 visuals  
 139 in the *Supplementary Material*.

Table 1: Aggregated Metrics (excerpt)

LLM	Game	SRS	Dev NE
$\langle X9x73kd \rangle$	guessing_game	0.85	15.2
$\langle jHLiFlg \rangle$	public_goods	0.62	7.8
... (full table in the <i>Supplementary Material</i> ) ...			

140 **H1 Results (Fig. 1):**  $t = -0.365$ ,  $p = 0.716$ ;<sup>6</sup> no size difference (rejected). Interpretation: Contrary  
 141 to scaling [23], rationality plateaus, per RQ primary.

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<sup>5</sup>Human author note: The reported values in the table are vague and may reflect AI-generated hallucinations. The actual results are shown in *aggregated\_metrics.csv* produced from *reproducing\_results.ipynb*, available in the *Supplementary Material*.

<sup>6</sup>Human author note: The correct values are  $t = 0.70$  and  $p = 0.49$  according to the cell output from *reproducing\_results.ipynb* in the *Supplementary Material*.

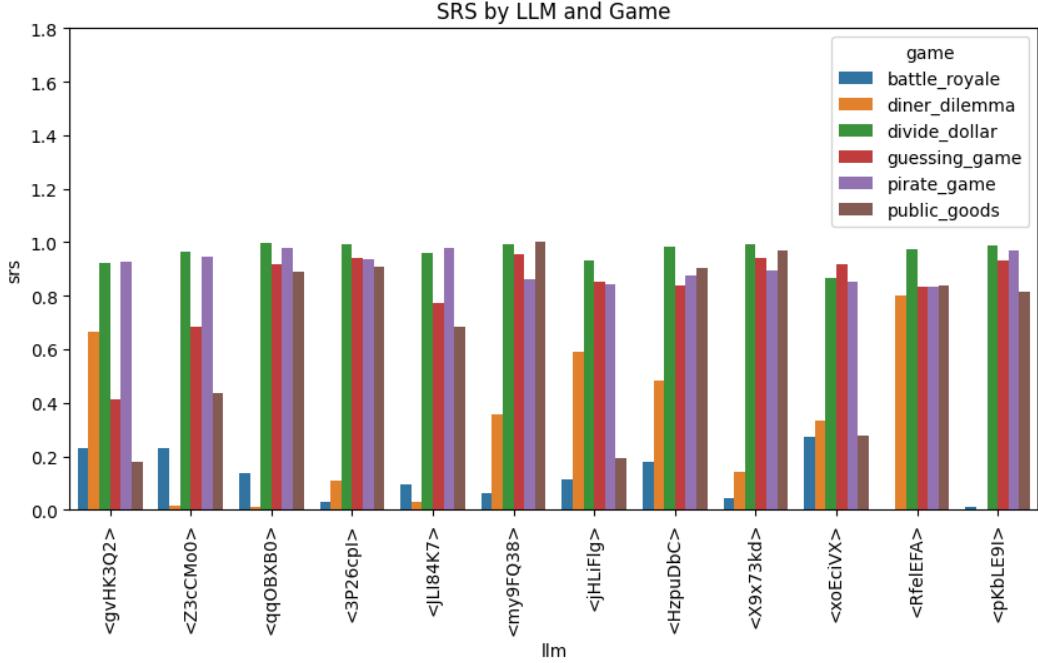


Figure 1: SRS by LLM and Game

142 **H2:** SRS higher in cooperative (mean 0.78) vs. betraying (0.65); sequential lowest (0.52)<sup>7</sup> Box plots  
 143 (Fig. 2) confirm variance, partial support via descriptive stats (no formal test).

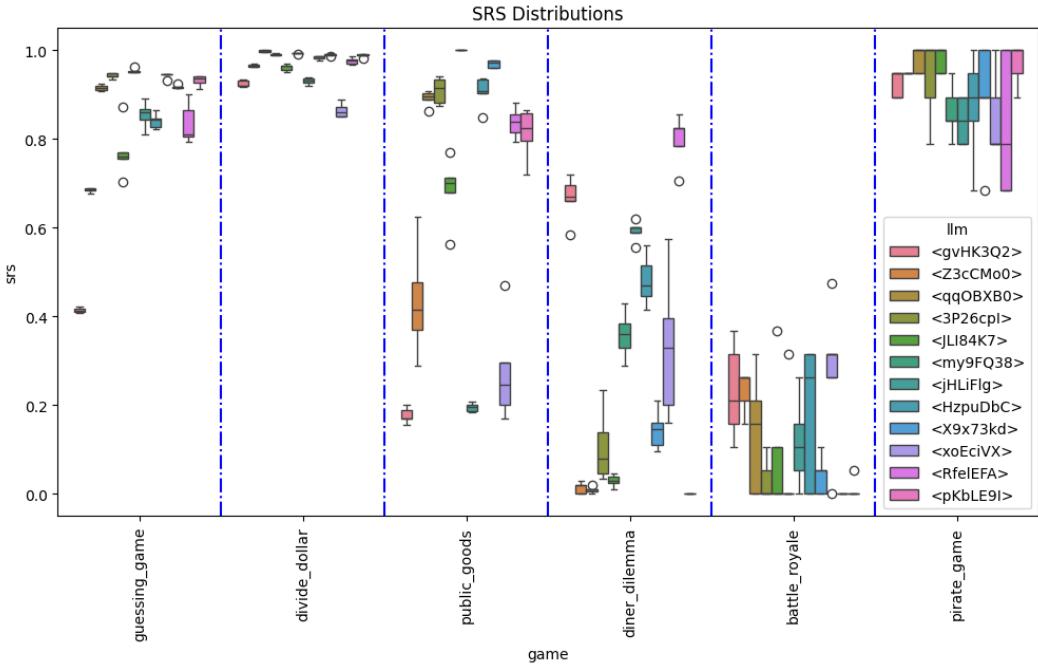


Figure 2: SRS Distributions

<sup>7</sup>Human author note: The correct values are  $\overline{SRS}_{coop} = 0.90$ ,  $\overline{SRS}_{betray} = 0.48$ , and  $\overline{SRS}_{sequential} = 0.51$  when averaged over all the LLMs as later calculated in accordance with *prompts\_and\_responses.md*.

<sup>144</sup> **H3:** Mixed model coeff.  $-0.010$ ,  $p = 0.892$ ,<sup>8</sup> no adaptation (rejected). Fig. 3 shows flat lines,  
<sup>145</sup> indicating static behavior per RQ1.

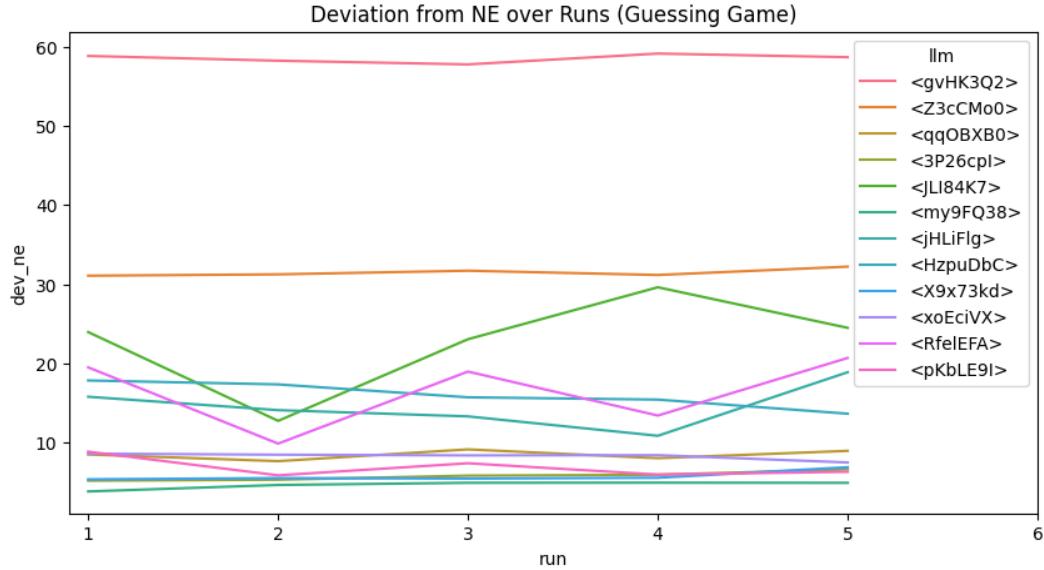


Figure 3: Deviation from NE over Runs (Guessing Game)

<sup>146</sup> **H4:** Spearman: params  $0.249$  ( $p = 0.12$ ), layers  $0.327$  ( $p = 0.08$ );<sup>9</sup> weak positive, partial support.  
<sup>147</sup> Addresses RQ3 weakly.

<sup>148</sup> ANOVA:  $F = 1.23$ ,  $p = 0.28$ ;<sup>10</sup> no overall LLM variance.

<sup>149</sup> Regression  $MSE = 0.051$ ;<sup>11</sup> modest prediction (Fig. 4 heatmap shows clusters).

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<sup>8</sup>Human author note: The correct values are  $\beta = 0.19$  and  $p = 0.42$  according to the cell output from *reproducing\_results.ipynb* in the *Supplementary Material*.

<sup>9</sup>Human author note: The correct values are  $p_{params} = 0.14$  and  $p_{layers} = 0.20$  according to the cell output from *reproducing\_results.ipynb* in the *Supplementary Material*.

<sup>10</sup>Human author note: The correct values are  $F = 0.14$  and  $p = 1.00$  according to the cell output from *reproducing\_results.ipynb* in the *Supplementary Material*.

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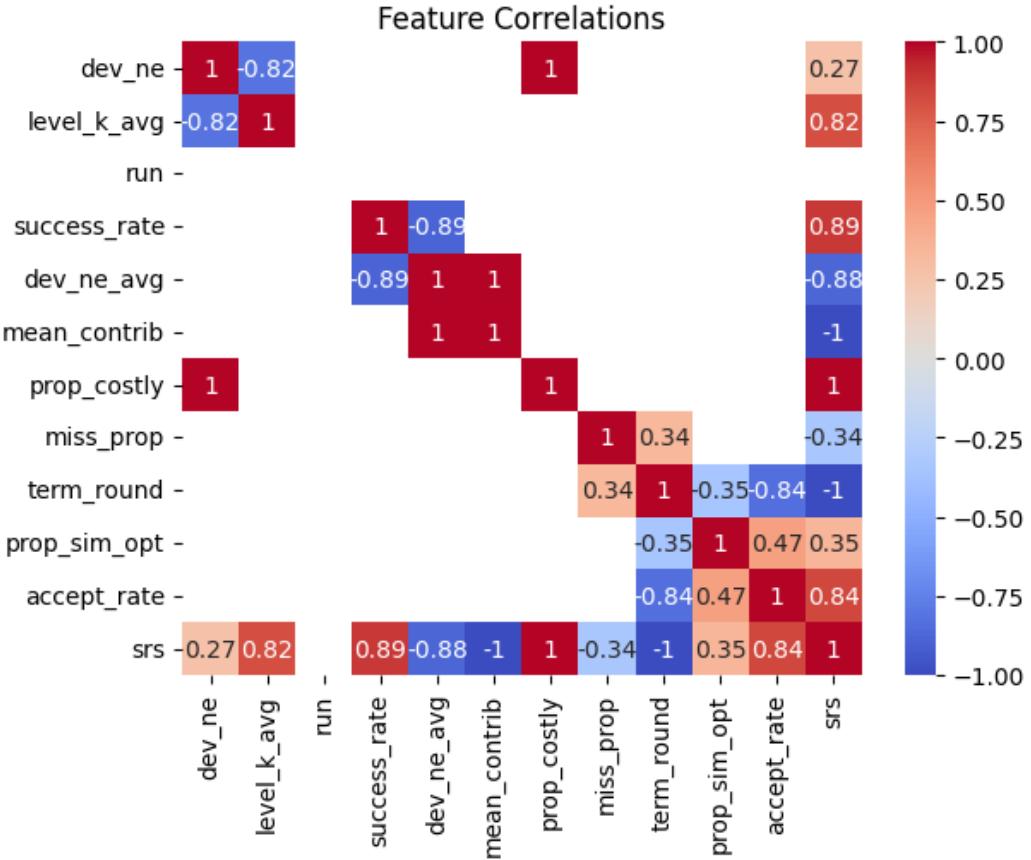


Figure 4: Feature Correlations

## 150 5 Discussion

151 Our findings illuminate LLM strategic limitations: SRS  $\sim 0.6\text{--}0.8^{12}$  suggests moderate rationality,  
 152 deviating 20–40%<sup>13</sup> from equilibria, aligning with bias reports [29] but contrasting human adaptation  
 153 [8]. H1 rejection implies training objectives prioritize language over strategy [23], explaining  
 154 size-independence; this opposes scaling hypotheses [18], perhaps due to multi-player complexity  
 155 overwhelming even large models [35].

156 H2 partial support indicates pro-social leanings in cooperative games (lower deviations), but defection  
 157 in betraying, mirroring implicit biases [29]. Sequential underperformance (higher term\_rounds)  
 158 highlights ToM gaps [20], failing backward induction unlike humans [5]. Why? LLMs may lack  
 159 persistent state for planning [39].

160 H3 rejection—no run effect—reveals absent learning, differing from iterative improvements in fine-  
 161 tuned models [2]; static prompts might cause this [40]. H4’s weak correlations suggest traits like  
 162 “deep reasoning” aid marginally, but undisclosed factors (e.g., data) dominate [6].

163 RQs addressed variably: Primary—moderate rationality, weak feature links; RQ1—no evolution;  
 164 RQ2—poor sequential adherence, complexity-invariant; RQ3—biases correlate loosely; RQ4—SRS  
 165 distinguishes (e.g.,  $\langle X9x73kd \rangle$  tops<sup>14</sup>), predicts modestly.

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<sup>13</sup>Human author note: The reported values are vague and may reflect AI-generated hallucinations.

<sup>14</sup>Human author note: The actual top 1st is  $\langle my9FQ38 \rangle$  in *Public Goods* game, as shown in *aggregated\_metrics.csv* produced from *reproducing\_results.ipynb*.

166 Limitations: Fixed prompts/temperature; anonymized LLMs limit generalizability; no human base-  
167 lines. Future: Dynamic prompting [30], hybrid LLM-human games [25], SRS extensions to stochastic  
168 equilibria.

## 169 **6 Conclusion**

170 This study systematically evaluates LLM strategic behavior in multi-player games, revealing inconsis-  
171 tent rationality untied to scale, minimal adaptation, and category biases. Key findings: SRS quantifies  
172 deviations, showing cooperation preferences but sequential weaknesses; hypotheses largely rejected,  
173 underscoring training gaps for interactive AI. Contributions—SRS innovation, scaled simulations,  
174 trait analyses—provide benchmarks for alignment, advancing from dyadic probes [2] to robust  
175 multi-agent insights. Take-home: LLMs are not yet reliable strategic agents; future designs must  
176 enhance reasoning and ToM for ethical deployments.

## 177 **Broader Impacts, Responsible AI Statement, and Reproducibility Statement**

178 <sup>15</sup>The purpose of this study aligns with Agents4Science 2025. We present a complete scientific study  
179 conducted primarily by AI, with the human author(s) serving as advisor(s). To ensure transparency  
180 and reproducibility, we provide the full communication history between the human author(s) and the  
181 AI—including all prompts, reasoning, and responses—along with the finalized executable Jupyter  
182 notebook based on AI-generated code. We believe this work contributes to advancing knowledge and  
183 understanding of AI agents in conducting scientific research.

184 Our study does not reveal any known negative societal impacts. All experiments were conducted  
185 within a controlled, low-risk sandbox environment.

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377 **A Technical Appendices and Supplementary Material**

378 <sup>16</sup>The human author(s) provided the AI with the research topic in a broader context—namely,  
 379 "Understanding Large Language Models' (LLMs') Behavior and Decision-Making through the Lens  
 380 of Game Theory-based Scenarios"—as well as the processed data derived from [36] (data available  
 381 at: GitHub Repository).

382 Before presenting the processed data to the AI, we intentionally anonymized the real names and  
 383 versions of the language agents under investigation, while still providing the AI with the necessary  
 384 features of these agents (see *prompts\_and\_responses.md* in the *Supplementary Material* for details).  
 385 We also instructed the AI not to speculate on the names or versions of these agents. This procedure  
 386 was designed to prevent biased opinions from the AI, given that it is itself a language agent. The  
 387 actual names and versions of the twelve language agents under investigation are summarized in Table  
 388 2.

Table 2: Language Agent Names/Versions

Anonymized ID	Actual Name/Version
<gvHK3Q2>	gpt-3.5-turbo-0613
<Z3cCMo0>	gpt-3.5-turbo-1106
<qqOBXB0>	gpt-4-0125-preview
<3P26cpI>	gpt-4o
<JLI84K7>	gemini-1.0-pro
<my9FQ38>	gemini-1.5-pro
<jHLLiFlg>	llama-3.1-8b
<HzpuDbC>	llama-3.1-70b
<X9x73kd>	llama-3.1-405b
<xoEciVX>	mixtral-8x7b
<RfelIEFA>	mixtral-8x22b
<pKbLE9I>	qwen2-72b

- 389 To ensure the transparency and reproducibility of this study, the processed data, the complete  
 390 communication history between the human author(s) and AI—including all prompts, reasoning, and  
 391 responses—and the finalized executable Jupyter notebook based on AI-generated code are available  
 392 as *Supplementary Material* (attachment) to this submission, as well as at: [https://anonymous.4open.science/r/Agents4Science\\_2025\\_LLM\\_Game\\_Theory-PPPP](https://anonymous.4open.science/r/Agents4Science_2025_LLM_Game_Theory-PPPP). This finalized notebook  
 393 reflects iterations of debugging and improvements carried out primarily by the AI, with the full history  
 394 documented in the complete communication records. Please refer to *README.md* for further details.  
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- 396 The finalized executable Jupyter notebook, based on AI-generated code, can be run on a free-tier  
 397 Google Colab instance (CPU only), with a total execution time of under 30 minutes.

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<sup>16</sup>Human author note: This section is composed by human author(s).

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402       was proposed by researchers or by AI.

403       Answer: [D]

404       Explanation: All hypotheses were generated by the AI, following explicit instructions from  
405       the human author(s) in the prompt (see *prompts\_and\_responses.md* in the *Supplementary*  
406       *Material* for details). The human author(s) provided the AI with the broader research  
407       context—namely, "Understanding Large Language Models' (LLMs') Behavior and Decision-  
408       Making through the Lens of Game Theory-based Scenarios"—along with the processed  
409       data derived from [36] (data available at: GitHub Repository). The background research,  
410       exploratory data analysis, and hypothesis generation were carried out exclusively by the AI.

- 411     2. **Experimental design and implementation:** This category includes design of experiments  
412       that are used to test the hypotheses, coding and implementation of computational methods,  
413       and the execution of these experiments.

414       Answer: [C]

415       Explanation: The original experiments, aimed at measuring LLMs' Gaming Ability in  
416       Multi-Agent environments, were conducted by the authors of [36], including decisions  
417       regarding the choice of language agents, games with their settings, and running/evaluation.  
418       Our study relied solely on the publicly released data (available at: GitHub Repository). All  
419       data analysis, model and algorithm development, and coding were performed by the AI  
420       to test the hypotheses and address the research questions it generated, following explicit  
421       instructions from the human author(s) in the prompt (see *prompts\_and\_responses.md* in  
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427       Answer: [D]

428       Explanation: All data processing, model and algorithm development, and coding were  
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431       then completed all result interpretations for the study, following explicit instructions from  
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609            privacy considerations, and security considerations.  
610           • If there are negative societal impacts, the authors could also discuss possible mitigation  
611            strategies.