

# INFO-F-409

# Learning dynamics

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

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# Summary

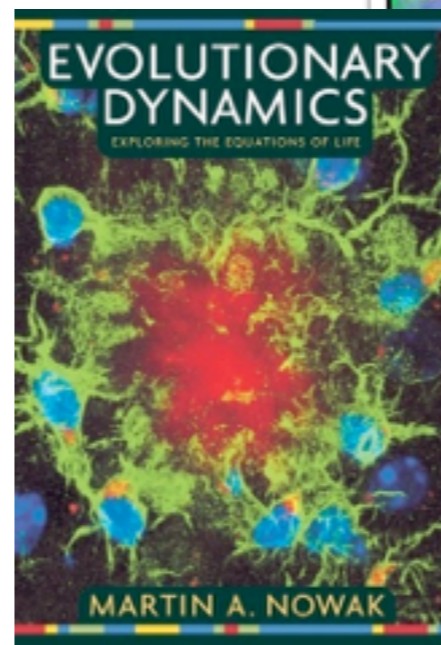
- What? Why?
- Rational choice
- Strategic games
- Nash Equilibrium
- Best
- Dominance
- Mixed strategies
- Mixed-strategy Nash Equilibria
- Support finding
- Lemke-Howson algorithm
- Extensive-form games
- sub-game perfect equilibrium
- Simultaneous moves
- Chance moves
- Bayesian games
- Assignment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

# The formation of agents' beliefs

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

How can we reach them?

Which equilibrium is preferred ?



# 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

# Levels of learning

innate

reflex actions



imprinting (specific and irreversible)



Conditioning



Observational and imitative learning



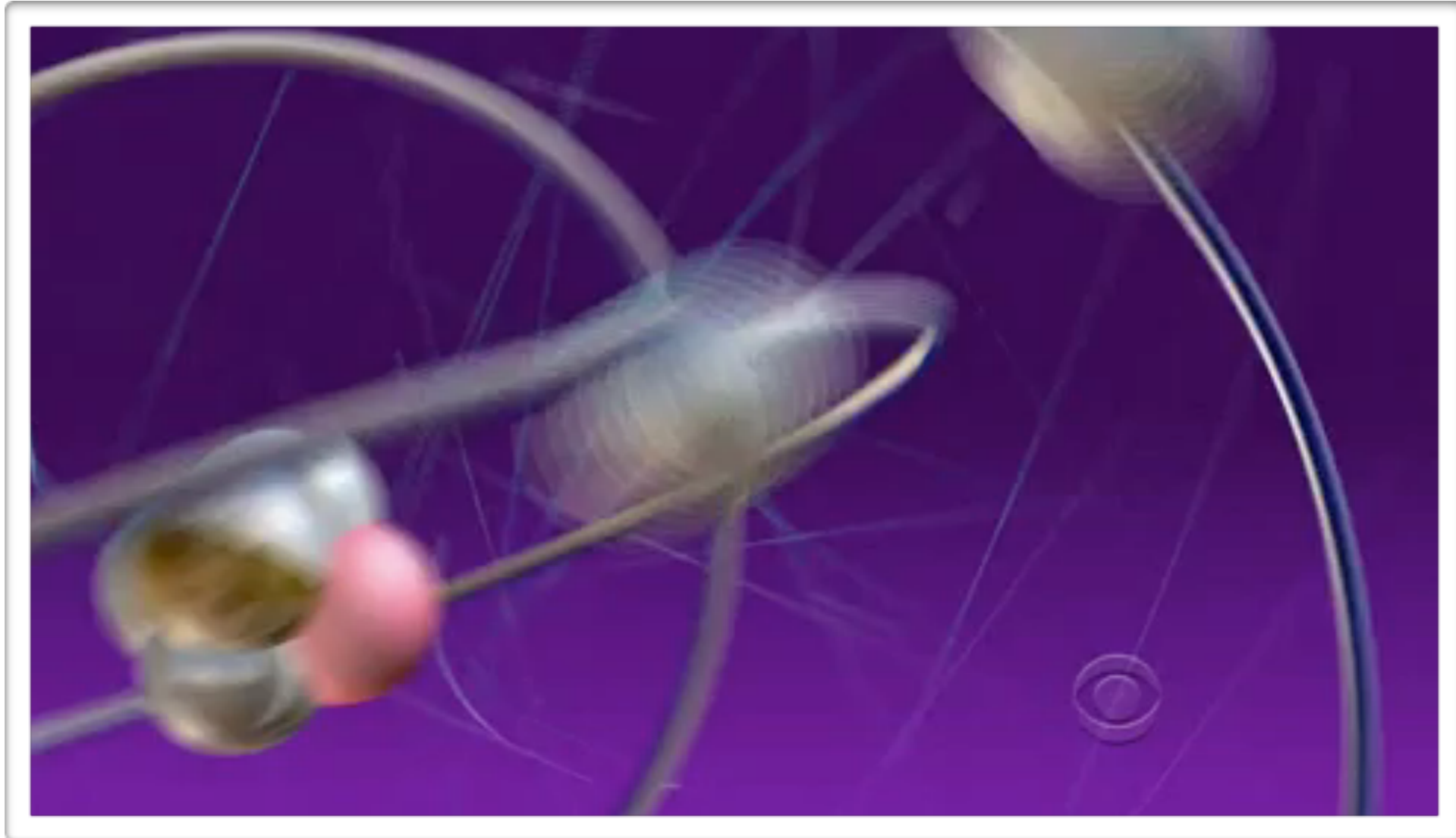
Teaching



learned



# Conditioning



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

# 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 action the other players' actions in the previous round

*An action profile that remains the same from period to period is a pure Nash equilibrium of the game*

# Best-response dynamics

	Bach	Strav.
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  $((2/3,1/3),(1/3,2/3))$

	BELIEF	
	A plays	B plays

prior	B	B
1	B	B
2	B	B
...	...	...

	BELIEF	
	A plays	B plays

prior	S	S
1	S	S
2	S	S
...	...	...

	BELIEF	
	A plays	B plays

prior	S	B
1	B	S
2	S	B
...	...	...



# 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** ...

# 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)	TOTAL = 2
2	S	(1,2)	S	(1,2)	TOTAL = 3
3	S	(2,2)	S	(1,3)	TOTAL = 4
4	S	(2,3)	B	(2,3)	TOTAL = 5
5	S	(2,4)	S	(2,4)	TOTAL = 6
6	S	(2,5)	S	(2,5)	TOTAL = 7
7	...	...	...	...	

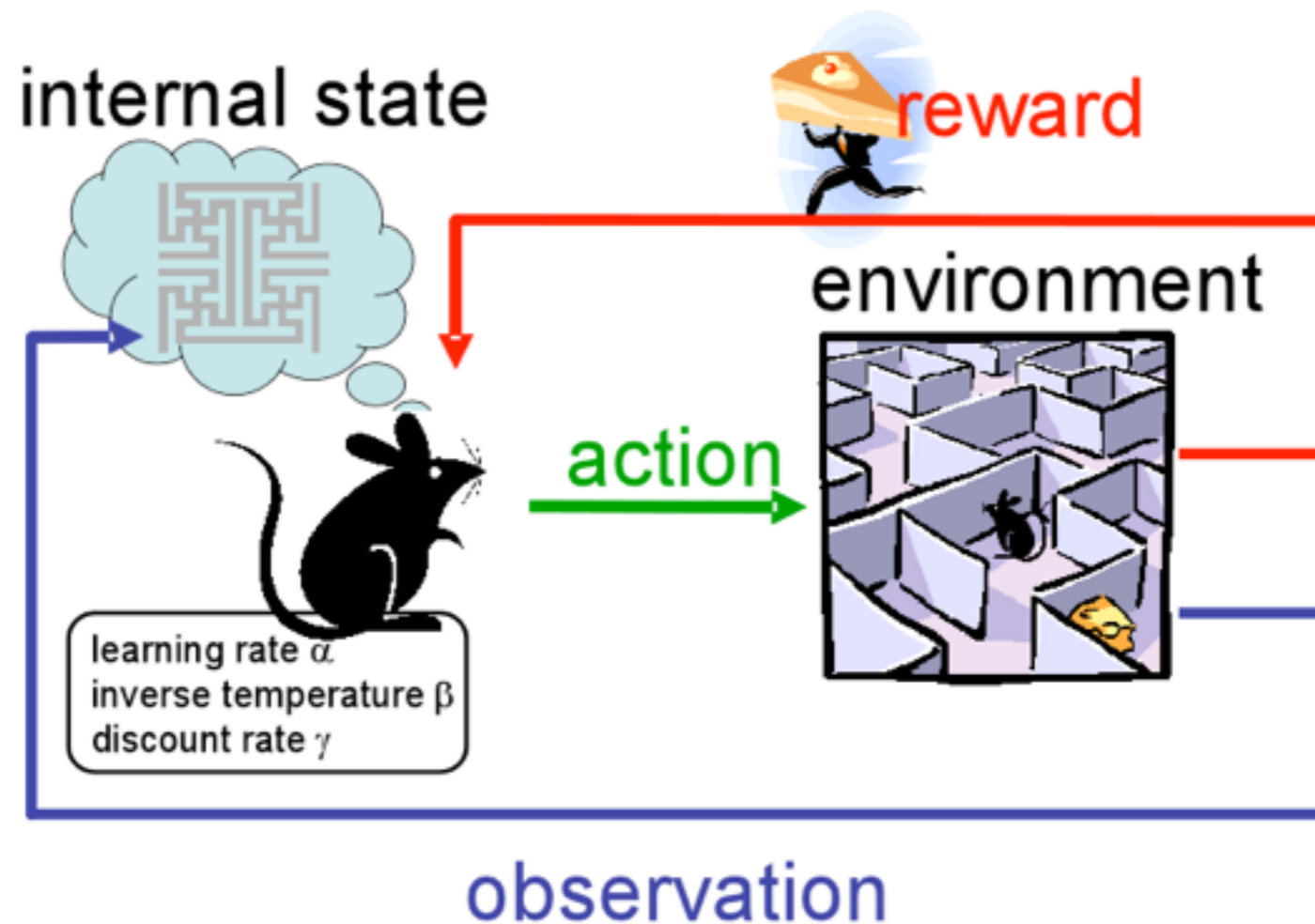
		Bach	Strav.
Bach		1	0
Strav.	0	0	2

# 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

# Stimulus-response learning



More details on reinforcement learning by prof. De Hauwere

# Culture and evolution

“Culture is the integrated pattern of human knowledge, belief, and behavior that depends upon the capacity for learning and transmitting knowledge to succeeding generations”

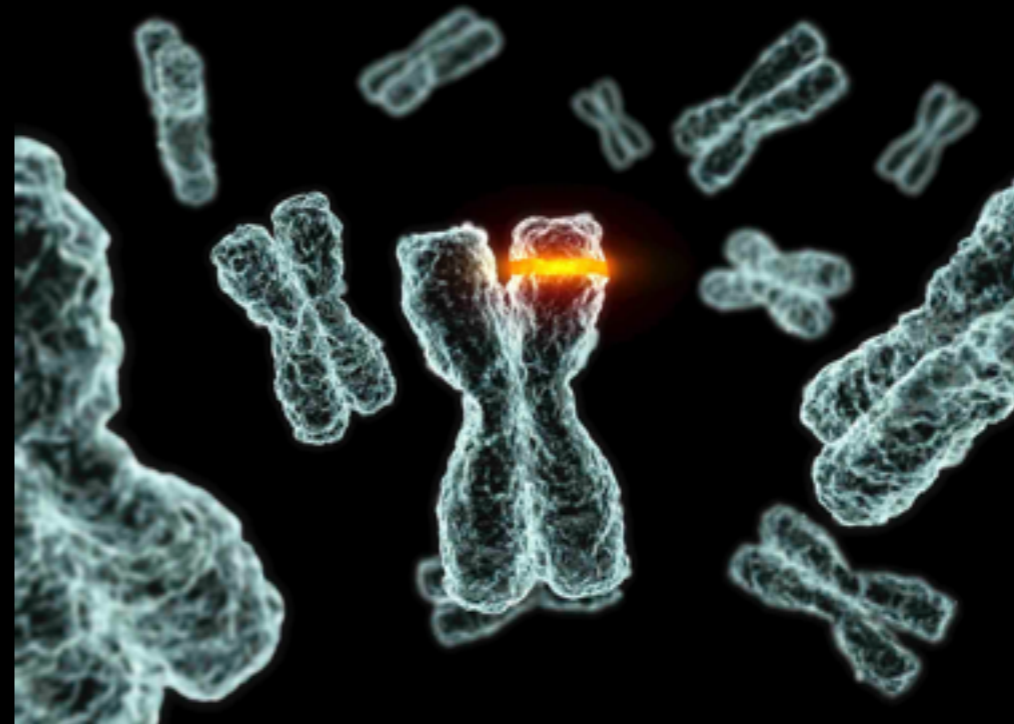
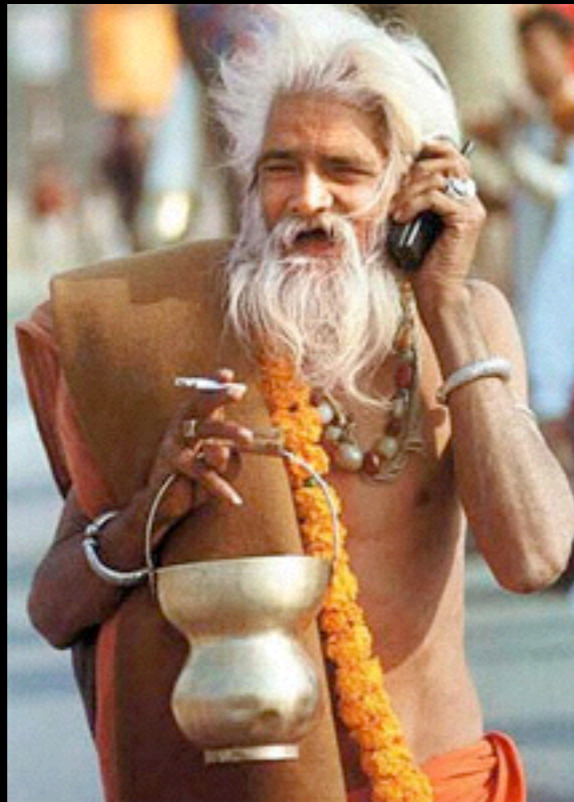
**Link between biological evolution and cultural learning**

A trait is **adaptive** if  
**biology** → it provides an increase in an individual's chance of survival and reproductive success  
**culture** → it provides an advantage in the interactions with other players



# Biological analog

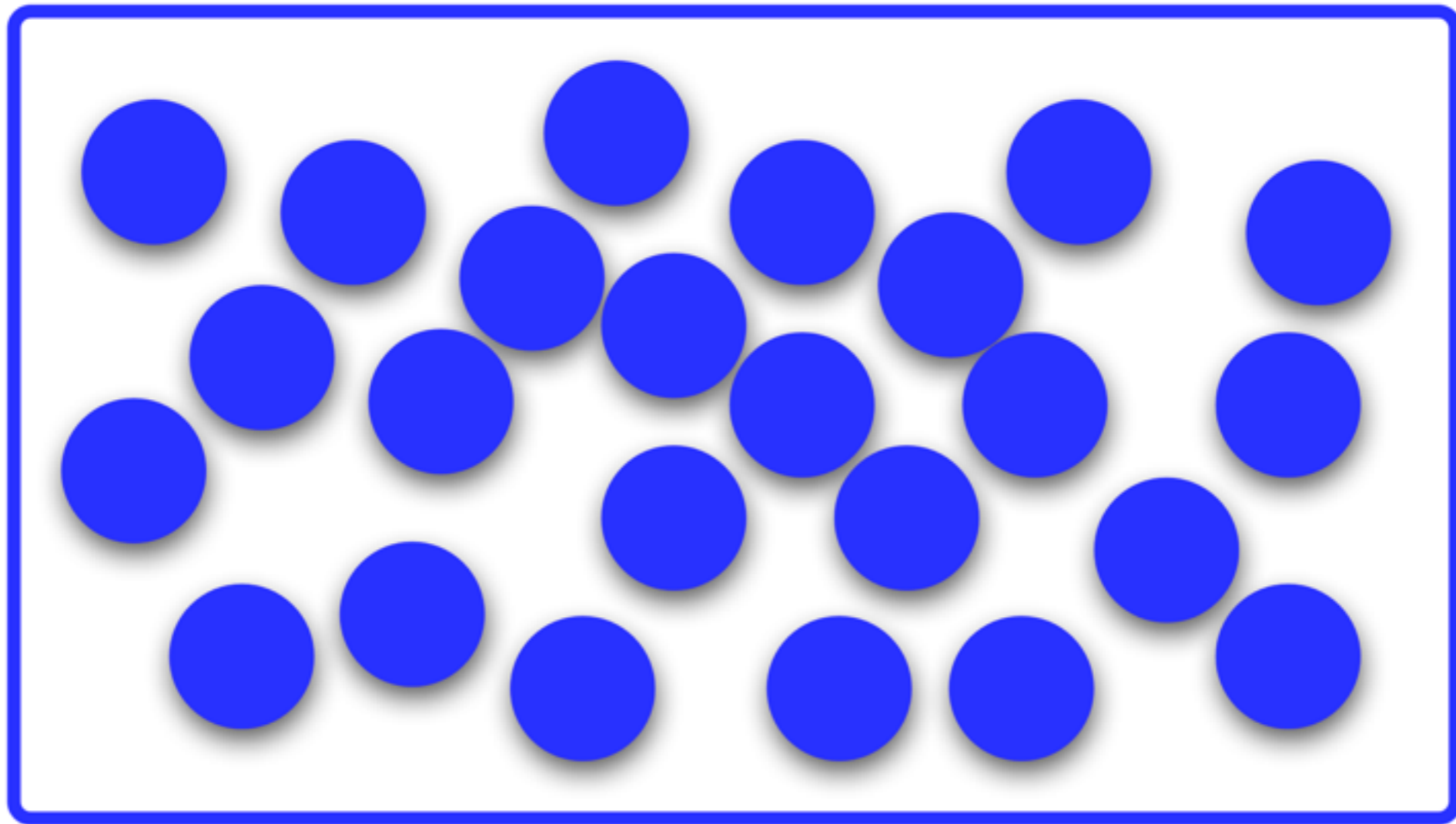
This transmission can imply **copying** (reproduction),  
with the possibility of **errors** (mutation)



evolutionary dynamics

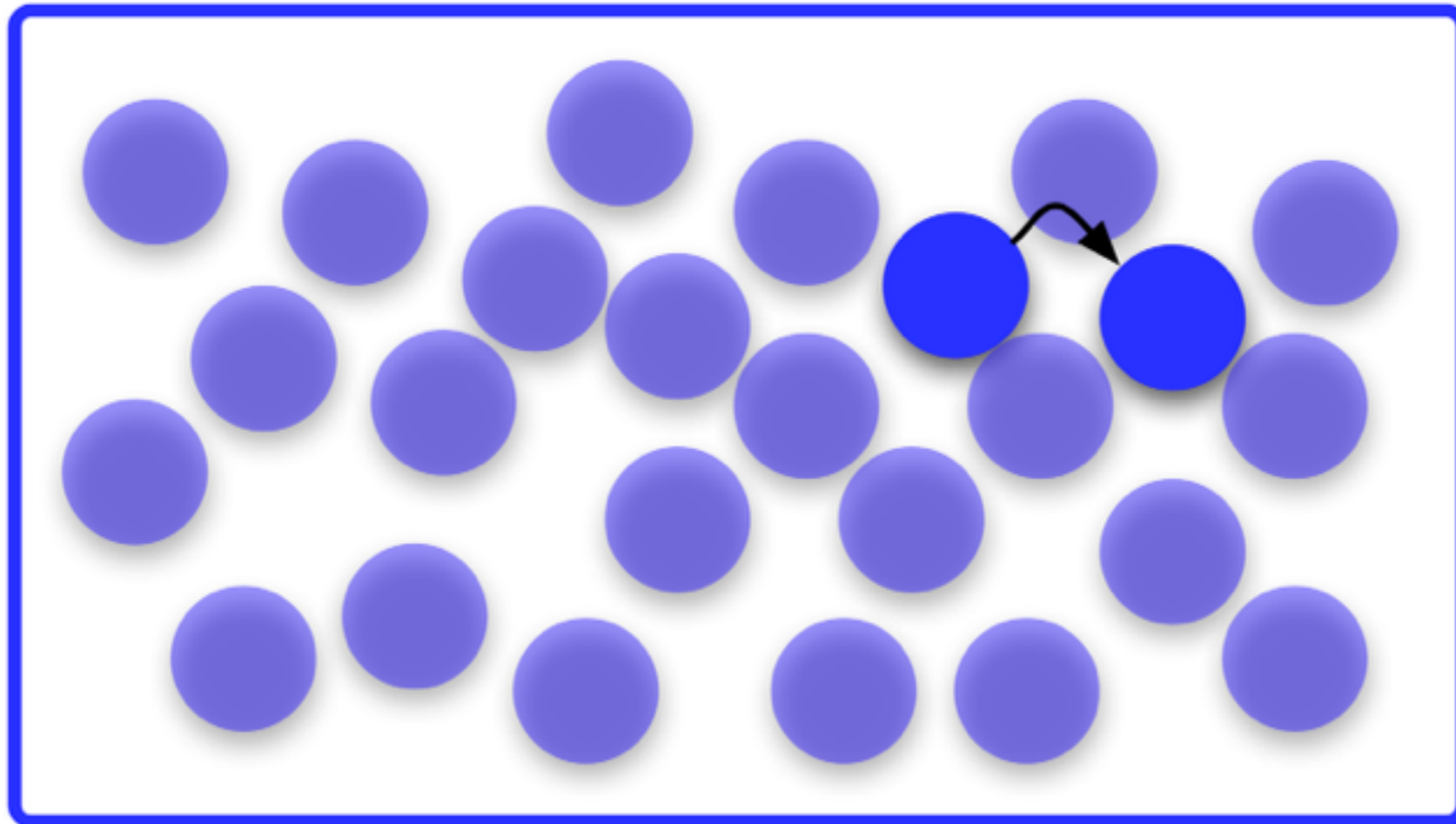
# Biological analog

The thing that evolves is the population



# Biological analog

Individuals **reproduce** in the population

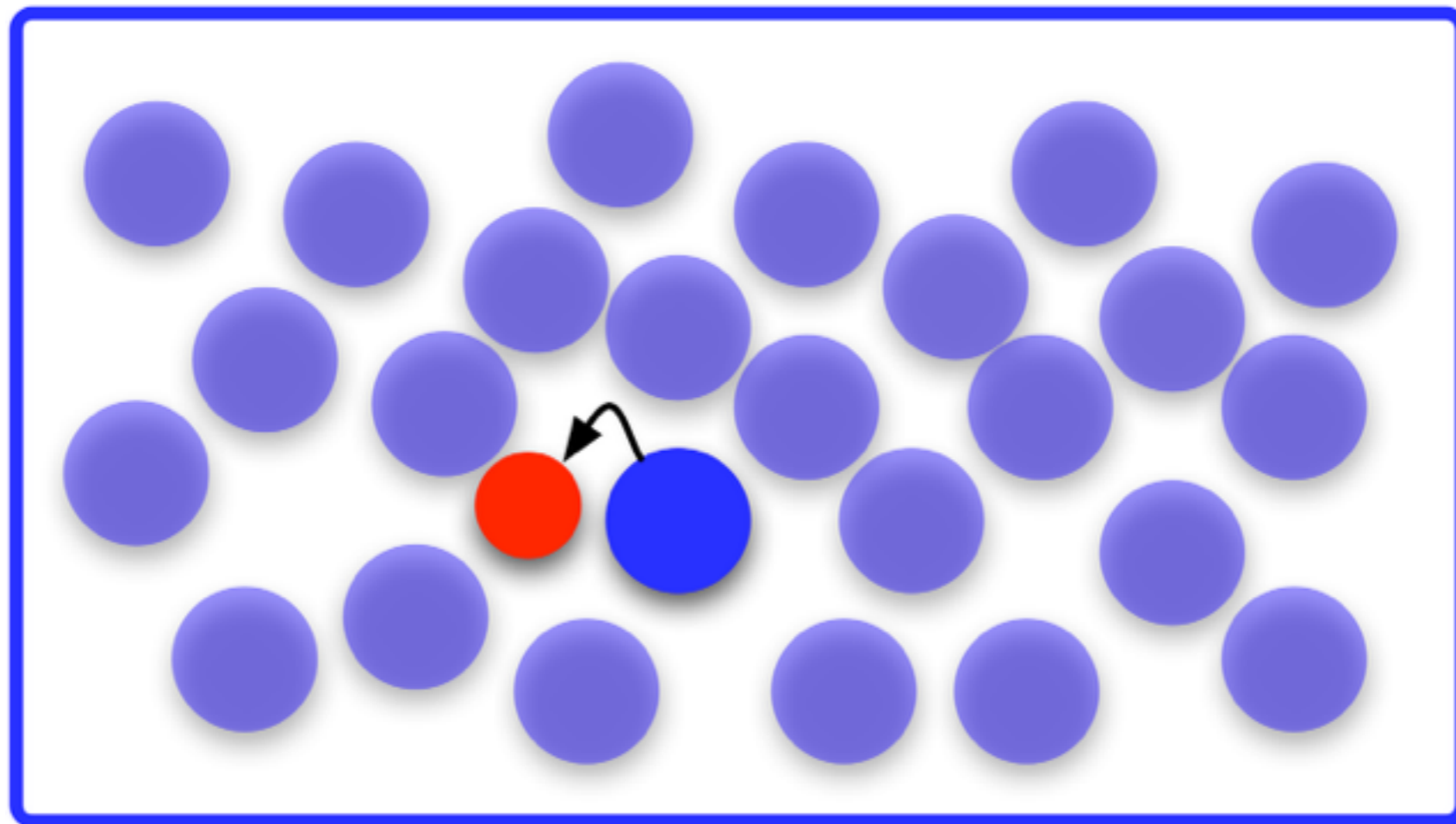


Individuals **imitate** other players in the population



# Biological analog

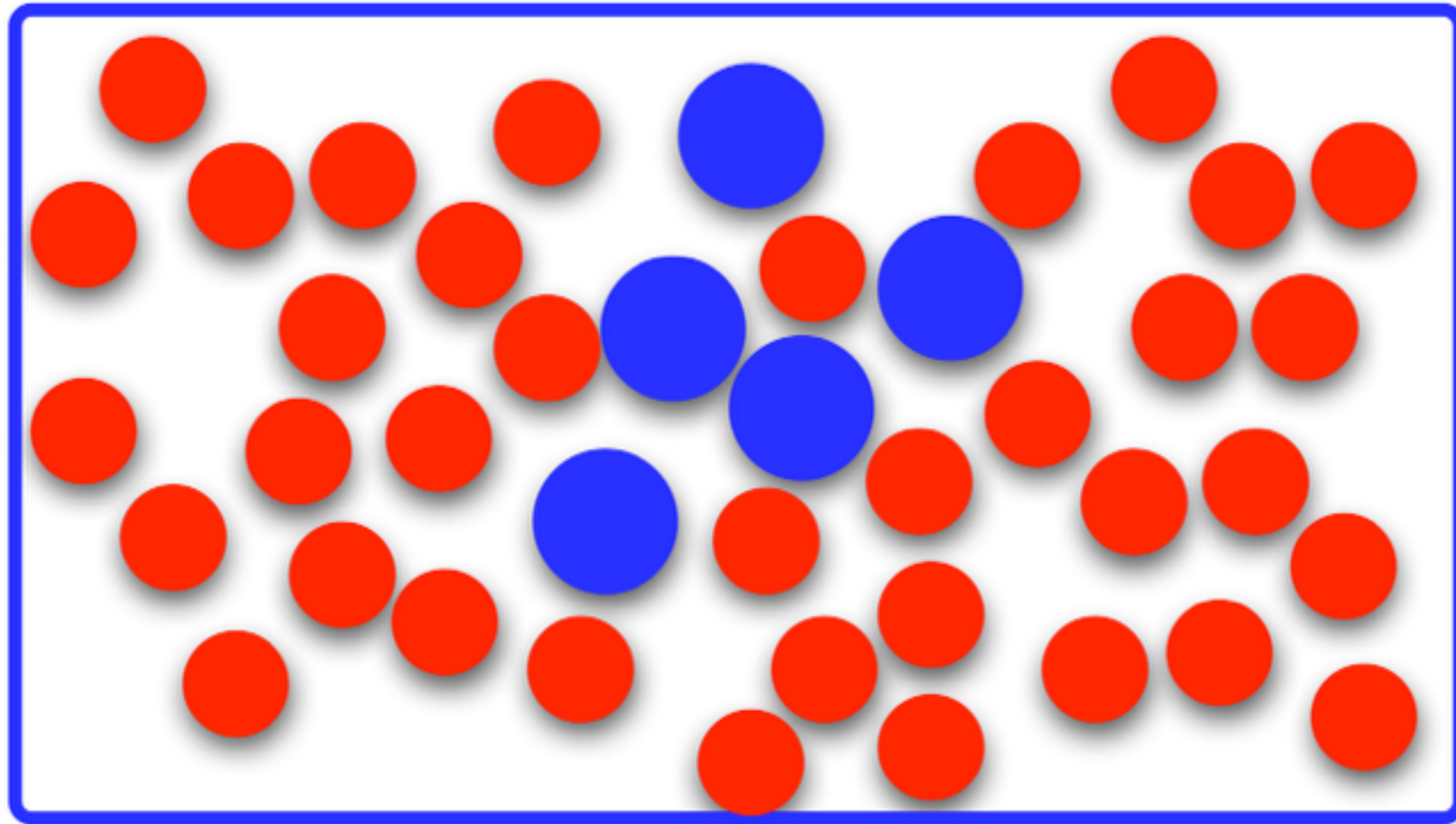
Individuals may **mutate** during the reproductive process



Individuals may **make errors** when imitating

# Biological analog

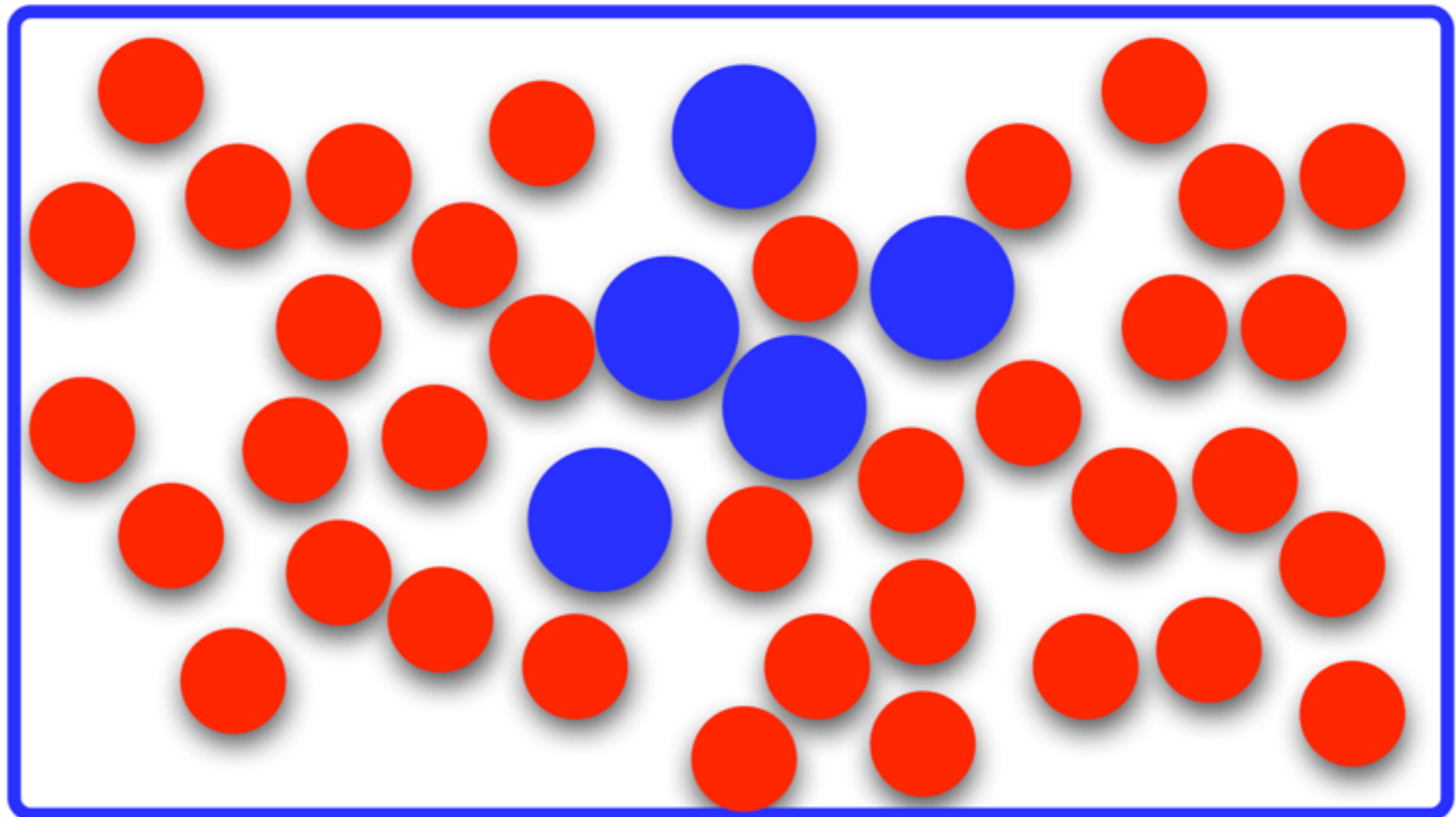
Selection may cause the new **individuals** to replace the **others**



Selection may cause certain **behaviors** to be imitated more often than the **others**

# Biological analog

Selection is the outcome of a **competition** between the different types of population members



# Social dilemmas

## THE QUESTION OF COOPERATION

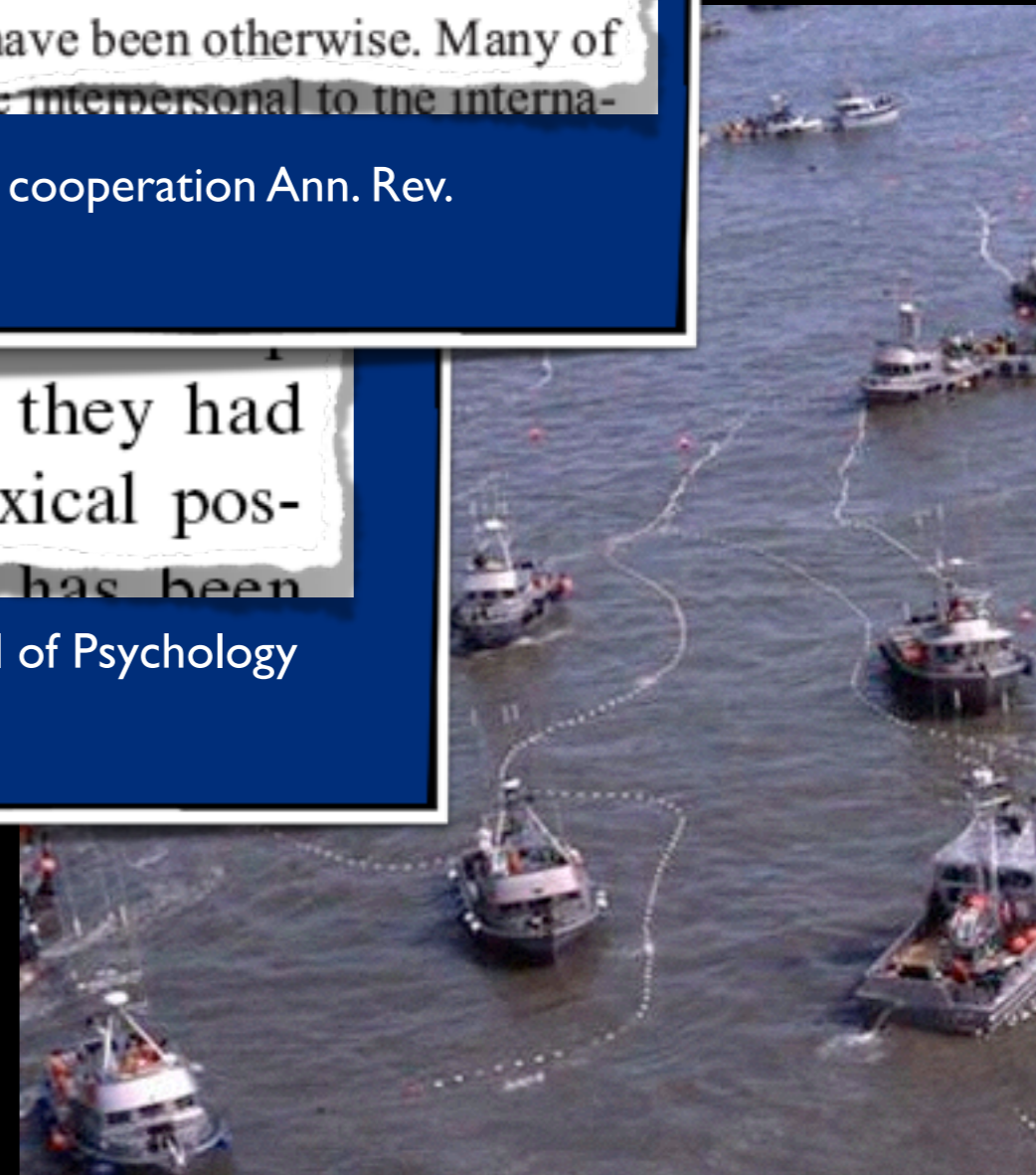
Social dilemmas are situations in which individual rationality leads to collective irrationality. That is, individually reasonable behavior leads to a situation in which everyone is worse off than they might have been otherwise. Many of the most challenging problems we face, from the interpersonal to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

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

Social dilemmas are situations in which a group has a choice that leads to a poorer outcome if none had acted individually

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



# Tragedy of the commons

## What?

### The Tragedy of the Commons

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

Garrett Hardin

Population, as Malthus said, nature tends to grow "geometrically," or, as we would now say, exponentially. In a finite world this means that the per capita share of the world's goods must steadily decrease. Is ours a finite world?

A fair defense can be put forward for the view that the world is infinite, but that we do not know that it is not. In terms of the practical problems we must face in the next few generations with the foreseeable technology it is clear that we will greatly increase human misery if we do not, during the immediate future, assume that the world available to the terrestrial human population is finite. "Space" is no escape (2).

A finite world can support only a finite population; therefore, population growth must eventually equal zero. (The case of perpetual wide fluctuations above and below zero is a trivial variation that need not be discussed.) When this condition is met, what will be the situation of mankind? Specifically, can Bentham's goal of "the greatest good for the greatest number" be realized?

No—for two reasons, each sufficient by itself. The first is a theoretical one. It is not mathematically possible to maximize for two (or more) variables at the same time. This was clearly stated by von Neumann and Morgenstern (1944), but the principle is implicit in the theory of partial differential equations, dating back at least to D'Alembert (1717-1783).

The second reason springs directly from biological facts. To live, an organism must have a source of energy (for example, food). This energy

sional judgment. . . ." Whether they were right or not is not the concern of the present article. Rather, the concern here is with the important concept of a class of human problems which can be called "no technical solution problems," and, more specifically, with the identification and discussion of one of these.

How that the class is not all the game of tick-tack-toe?" The problem, "How of tick-tack-toe?" I cannot, if I assume the conventions of my opponent un- perfectly. Put another "technical solution. I can win only meaning to the word opponent over the aim; or I can falsify ay in which I "win" ense, an abandonment we intuitively un- also, of course, game—refuse to

G. Hardin (1968) The tragedy of the commons. Science 168:1243-1248

“commons” originated in medieval England, a piece of land to which people had access for free

Discusses the disastrous effects that individual selfish choice may have on common resources and global welfare.

Highlights the issue of unlimited population growth and the limited size of our world



G. Hardin (1915-2003)

# Tragedy of the commons

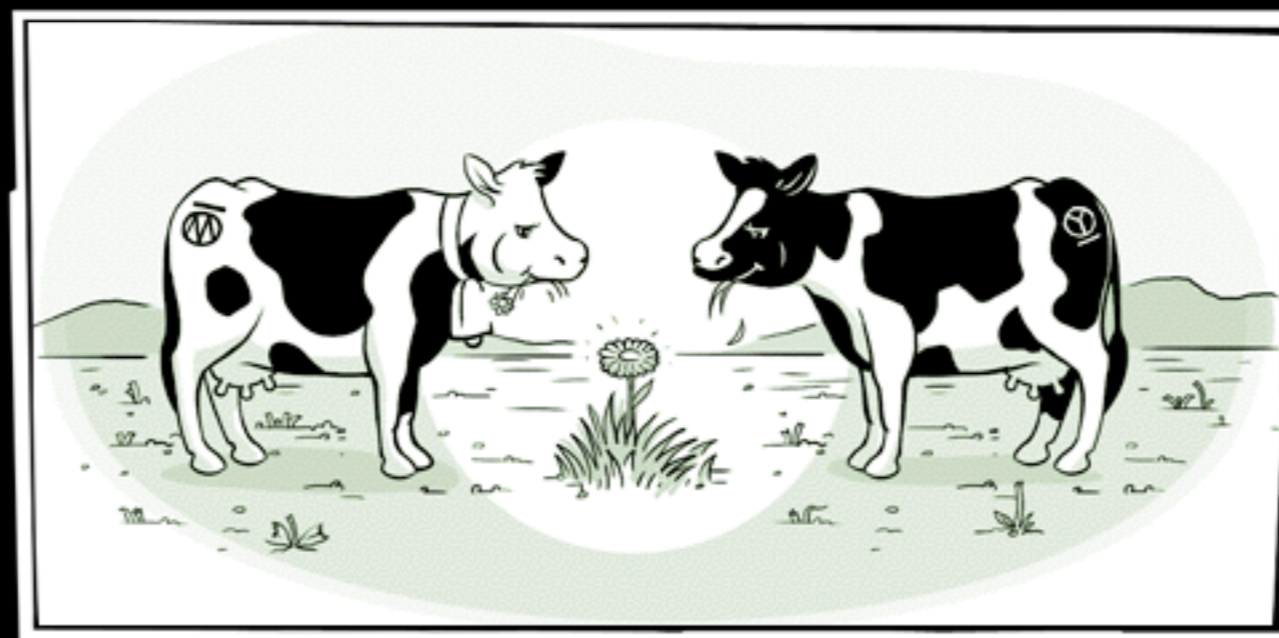
Assumption 1; a number of herdsman  $N$  who have access to a commons, which is used for grazing by their cattle.

Assumption 2; Each herdsman is expected to keep as many cattle as possible as this provides him with profit.

*What is the utility to one herdsman of adding one more animal to his herd?*

Positive: he receives additional profit from the sale  $(+1)$

Negative: additional grazing, for which the cost is shared with the other herdsman  $(-1/N)$



# Tragedy of the commons

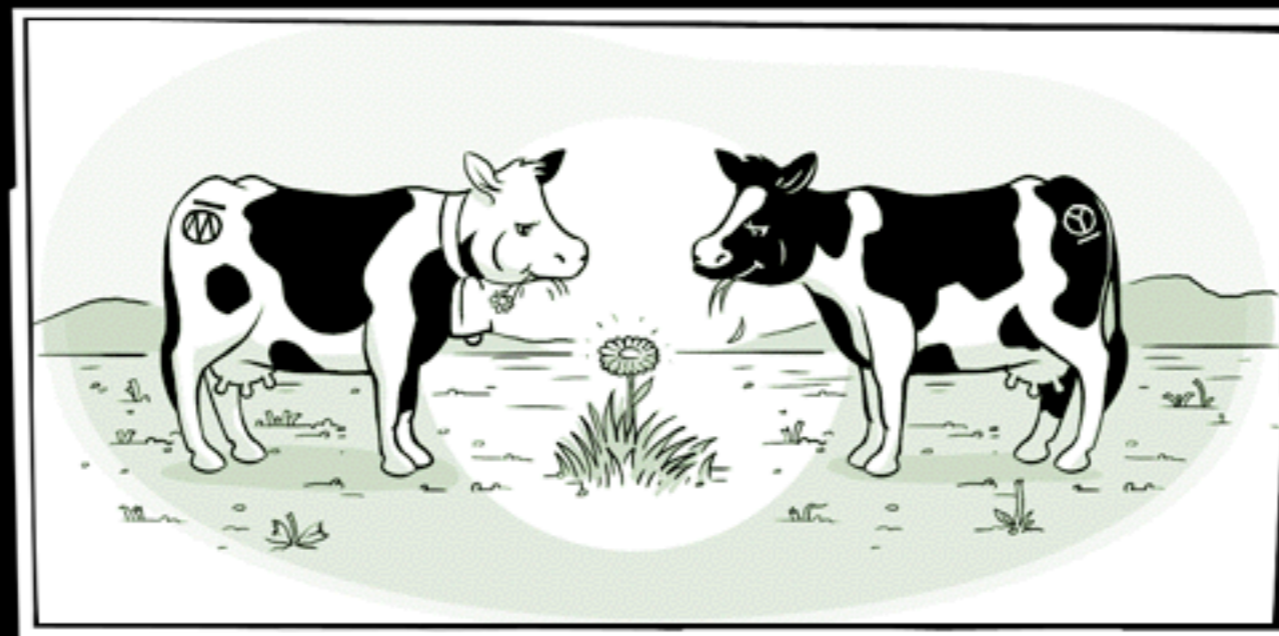
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Since the benefit outweighs (+1) the cost (-1/N); add another animal



# Tragedy of the commons

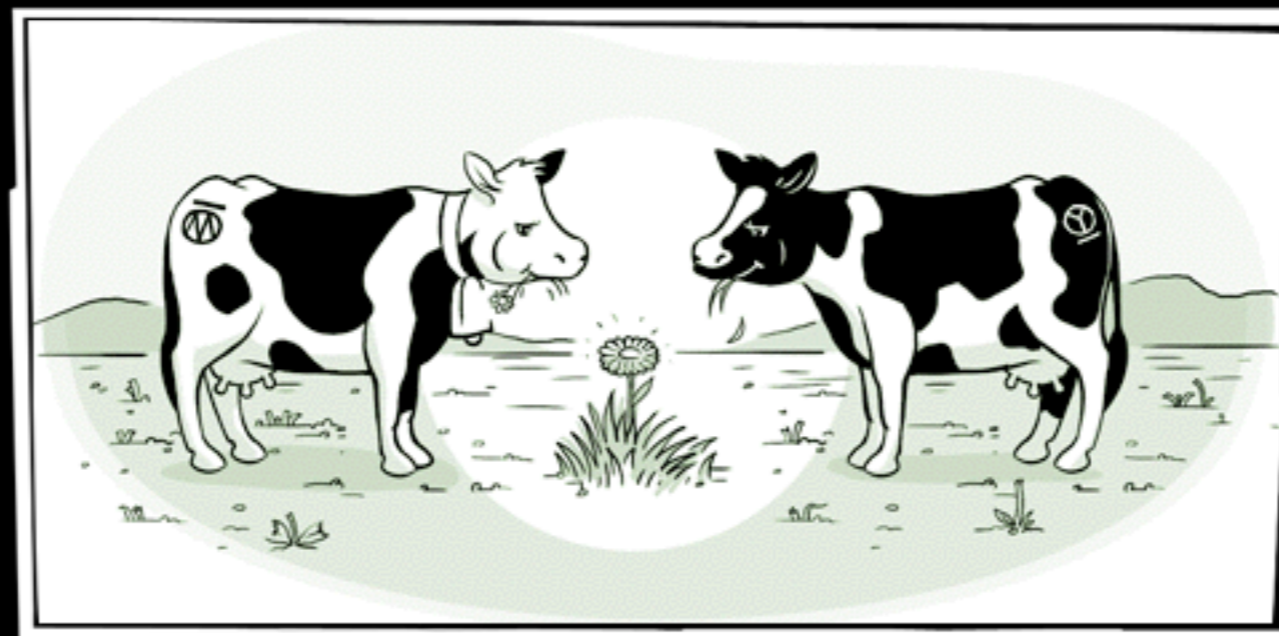
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*When all  $N$  herdsman reach the same conclusion!*



*“Ruin is the destination towards which all men rush, each pursuing his own best interest in a society that beliefs in the freedom of the commons” (G. Hardin, 1968)*

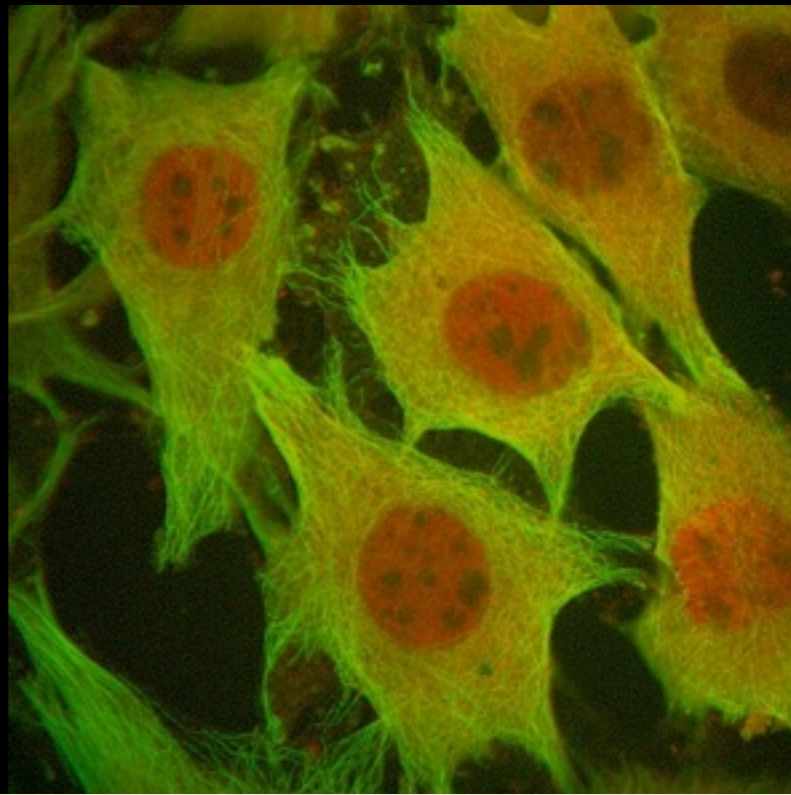




# *Tragedy of the commons*

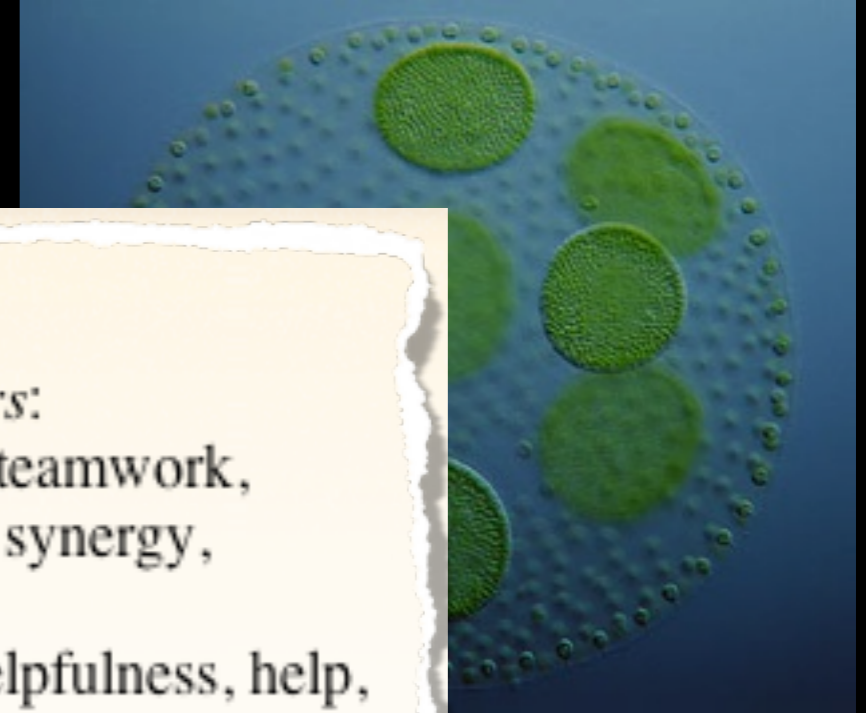


**Our commons**



**cooperation**  
noun

- 1** *cooperation between management and workers:* COLLABORATION, joint action, combined effort, teamwork, partnership, coordination, liaison, association, synergy, synergism, give and take, compromise.
- 2** *thank you for your cooperation:* ASSISTANCE, helpfulness, help, helping hand, aid.

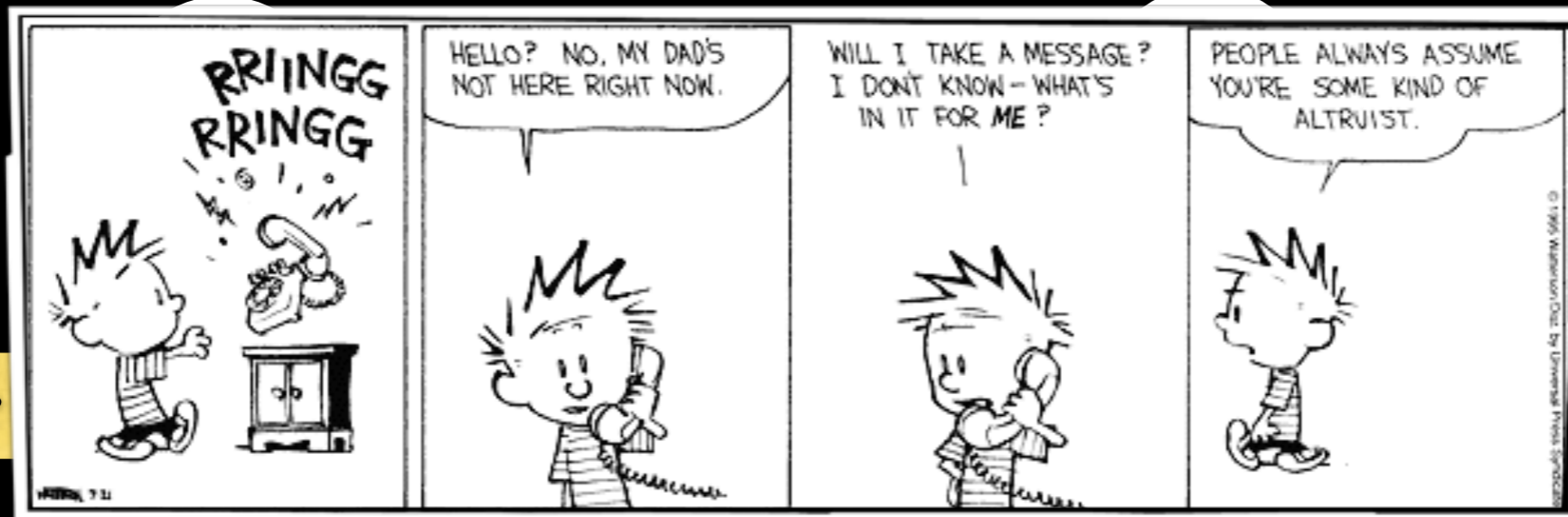


# Cooperation?

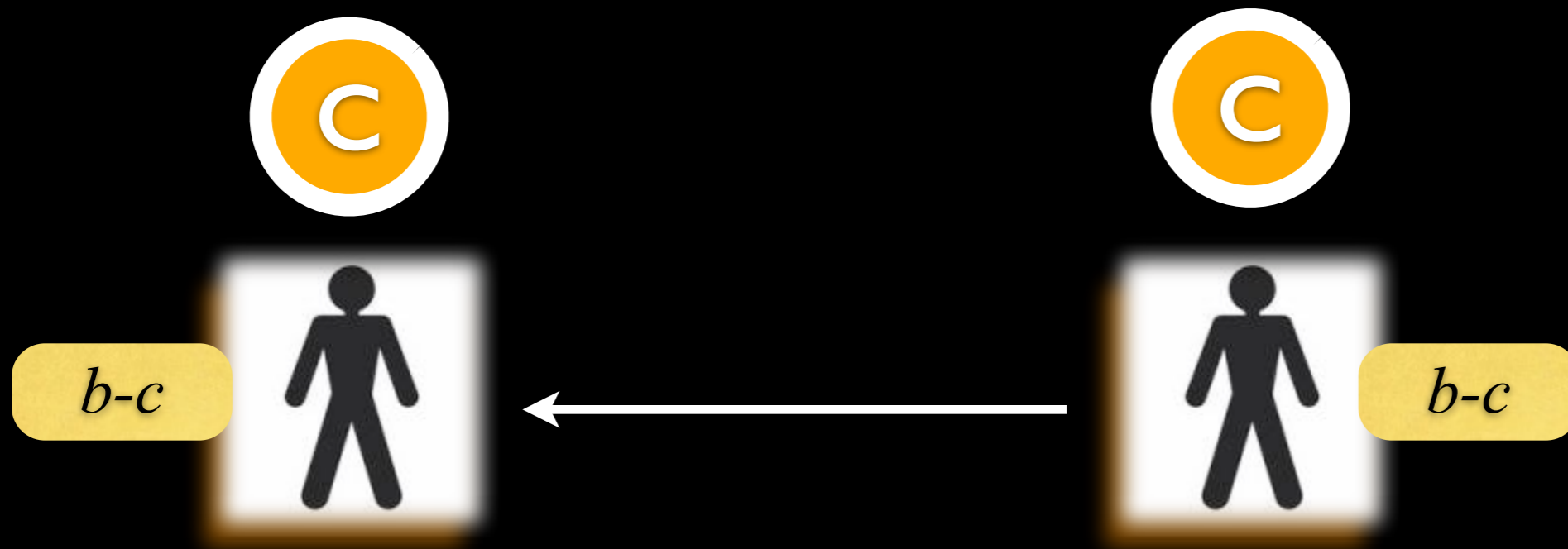
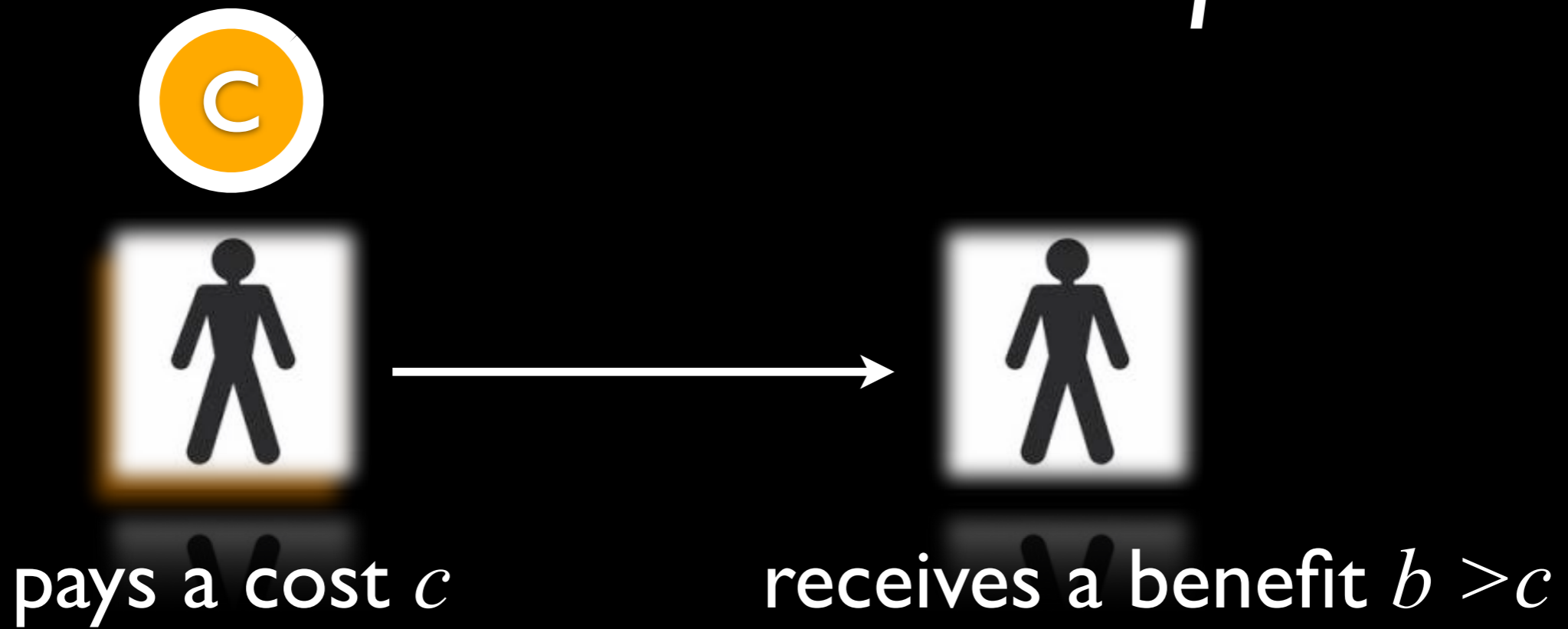


pays a cost  $c$

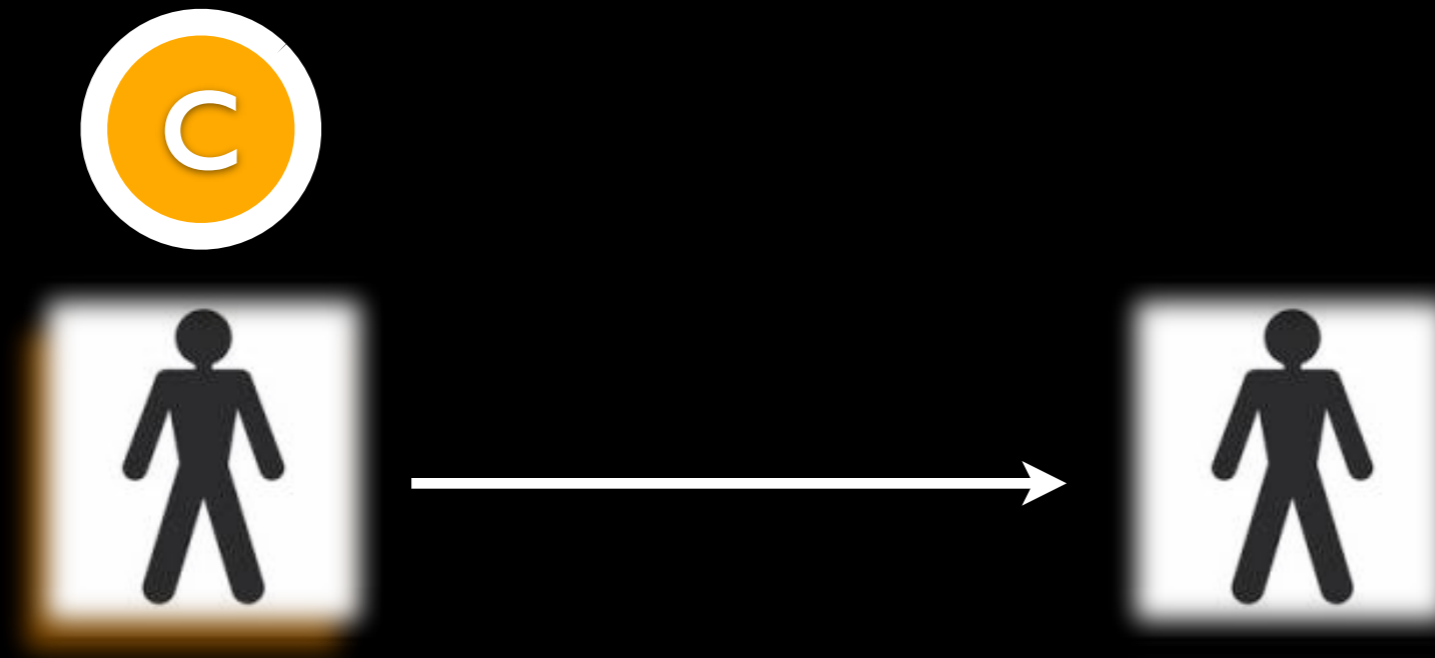
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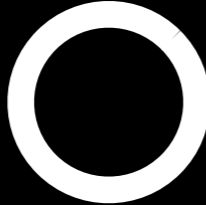

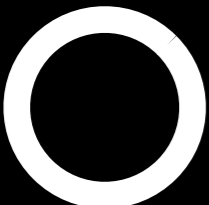
pays a cost  $c$

receives a benefit  $b > c$

It's better to play D, when the opponent plays C

It's better to play D, when the opponent plays D

But **CC** is better than DD

		
	$b-c$	$-c$
	$b$	$0$

A red question mark is positioned to the left of the first row of the payoff matrix.

# Fear AND Greed

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

Prisoners dilemma

	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>C</b>	<i>R</i>	<i>S</i>
<b>D</b>	<i>T</i>	<i>P</i>

$$T > R > P > S$$

greed =  $T > R$

fear =  $P > S$



*R* = reward

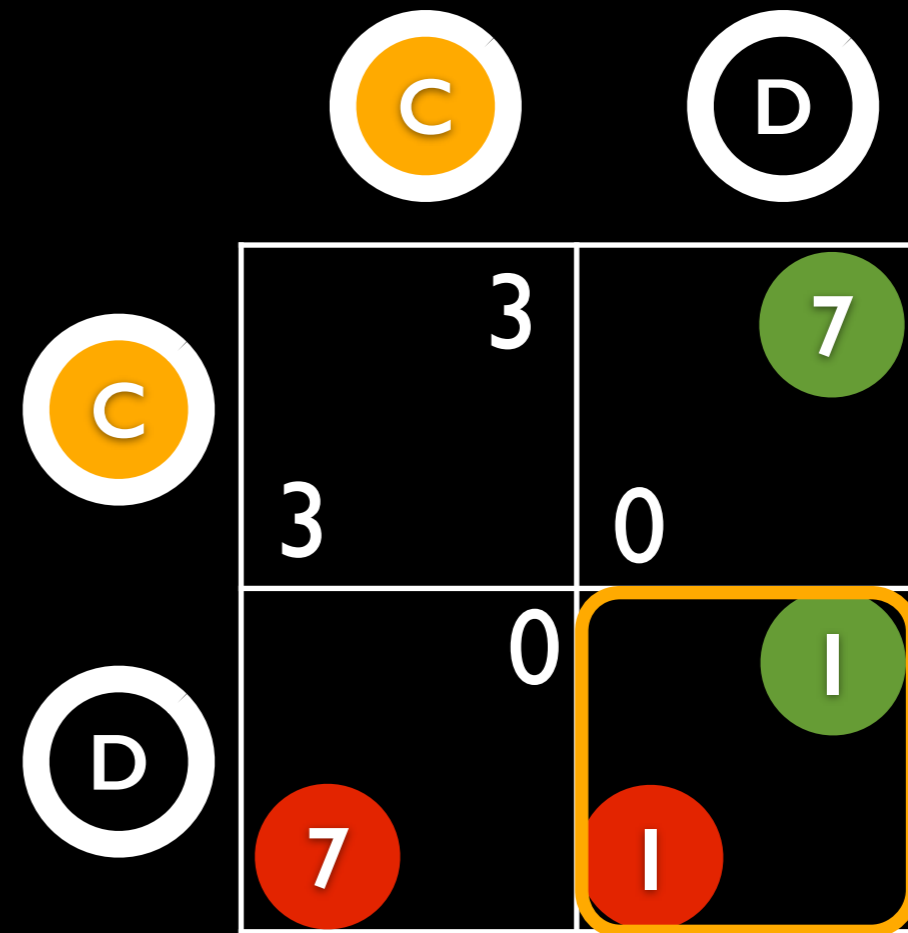
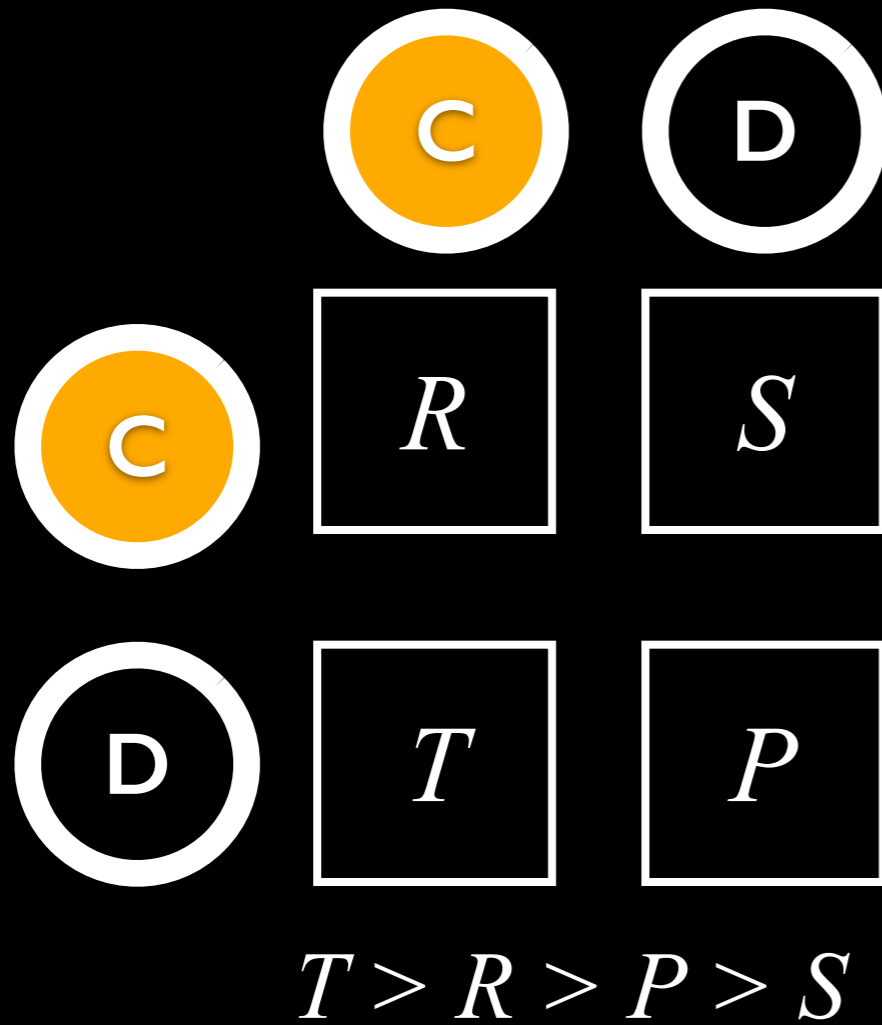
*S* = suckers payoff

*T* = temptation to defect

*P* = punishment

# Fear AND Greed

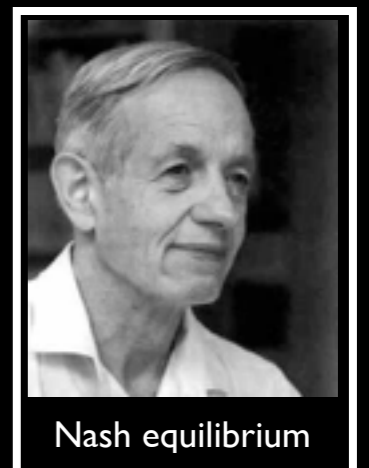
Prisoners dilemma



greed =  $T > R$

fear =  $P > S$

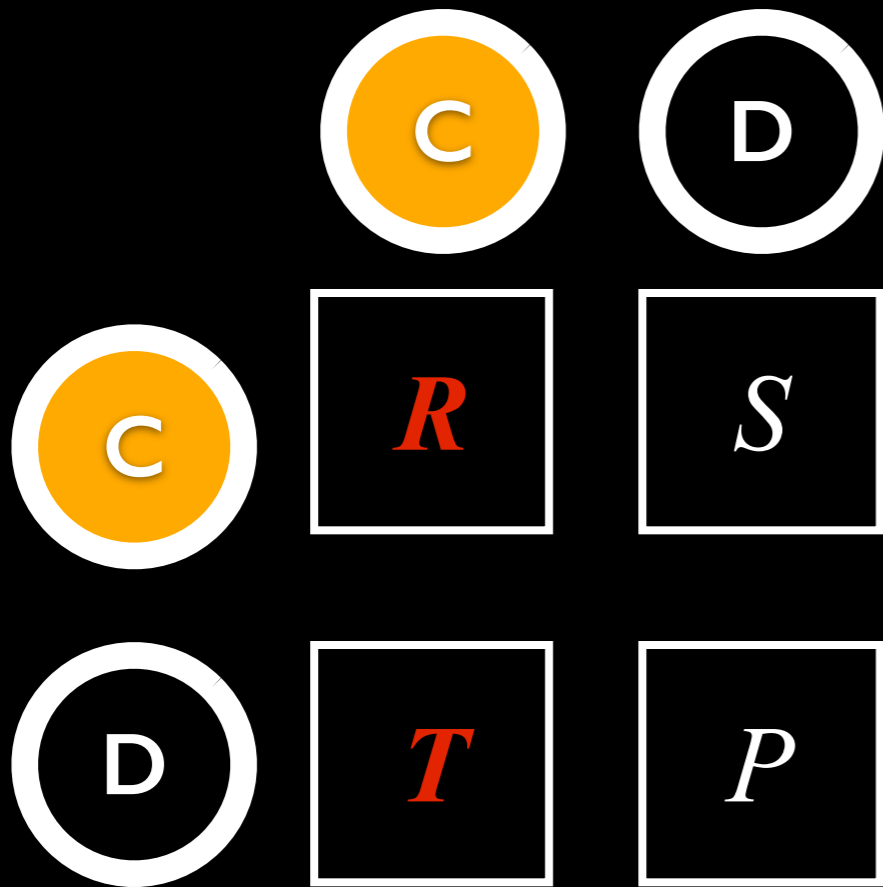
Best response determines



# Fear OR Greed

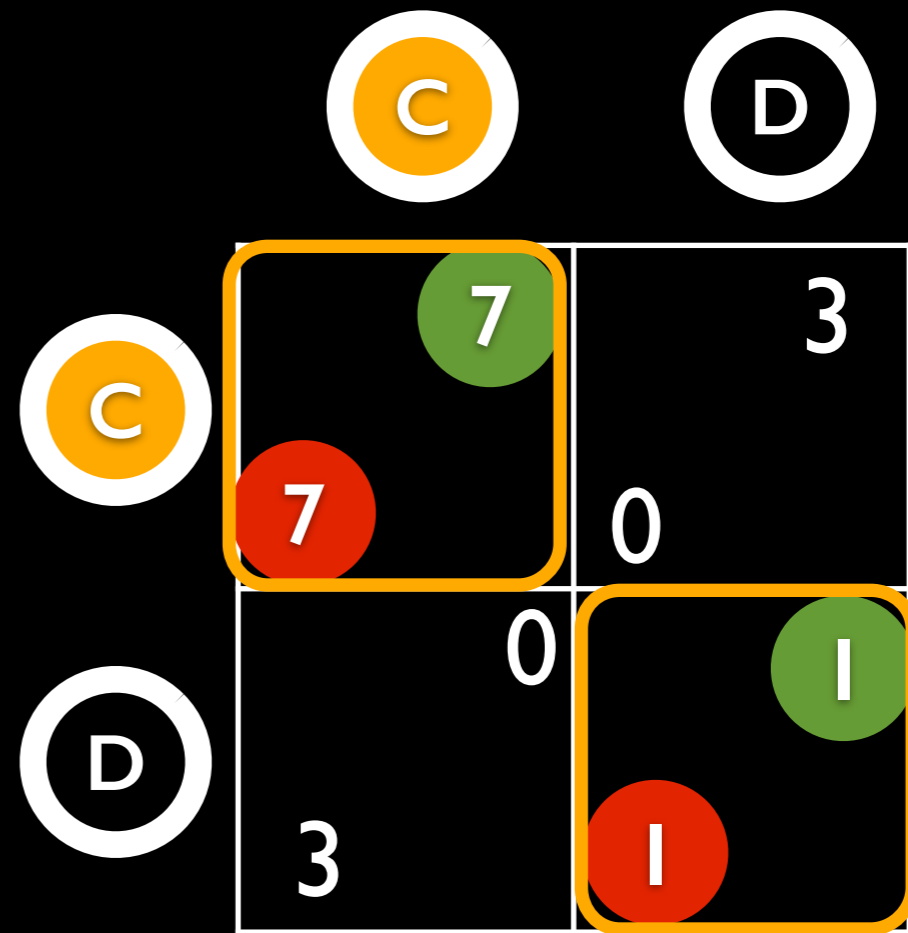


Stag-hunt game



$R > T > P > S$

no greed, only fear







# Fear OR Greed

	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>C</b>	3, 3	7, 2
<b>D</b>	2, 7	1, 1

<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>S</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>P</b>

$T > R > S > P$

no fear, **only greed**

Snow-drift game

# Evolutionary stable strategies

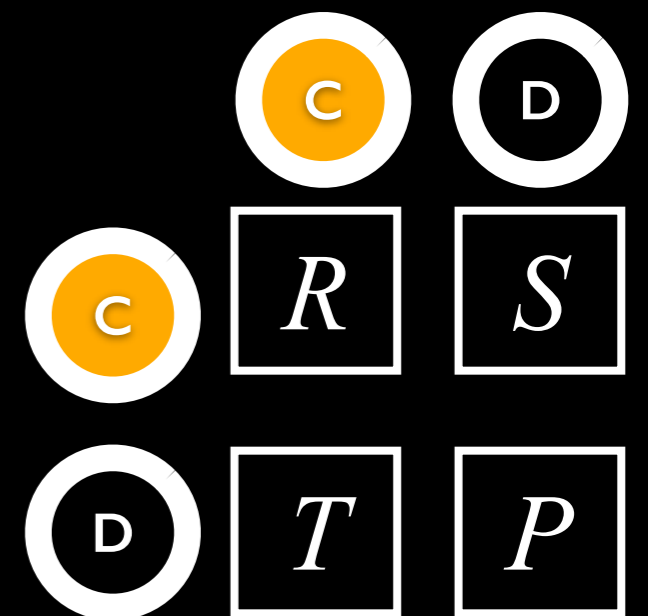
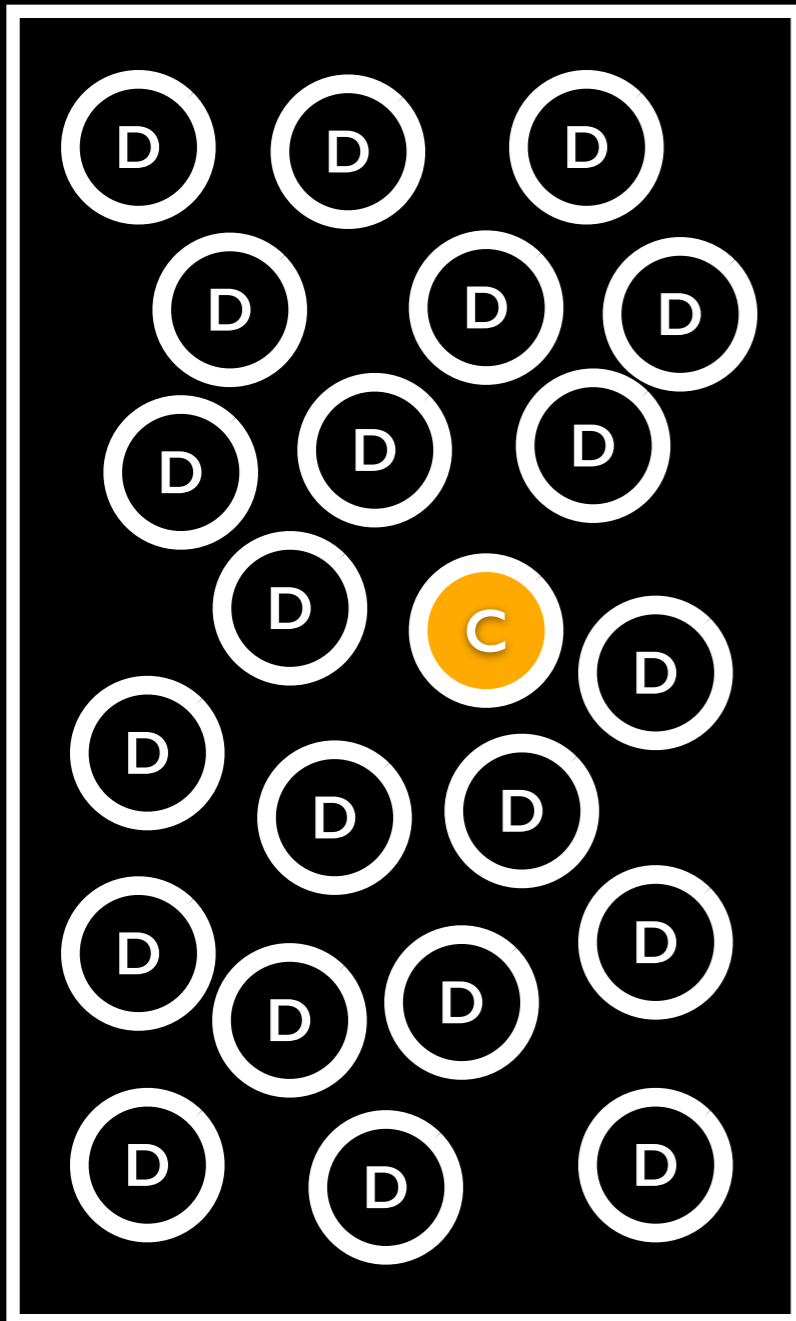
Can a **C** player invade a population of **D** players?

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

$$S(1-\epsilon) + R\epsilon > P(1-\epsilon) + T\epsilon$$

**C** can invade when:

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



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



	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>C</b>	3, 3	7, 0
<b>D</b>	0, 7	1, 1

- C** no since  $P > S$
- D** yes since  $R < T$

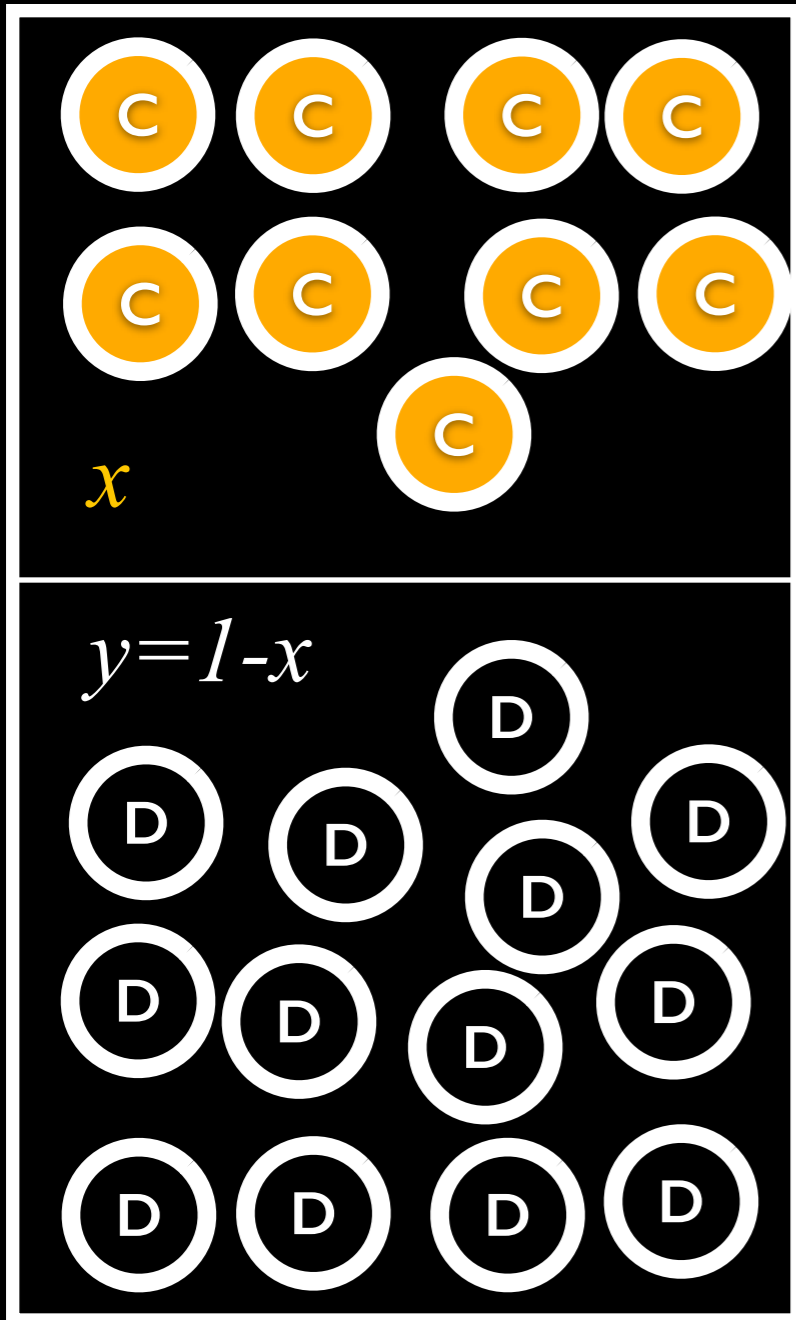
	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
<b>C</b>	7, 7	3, 0
<b>D</b>	0, 3	1, 1

- C** no since  $P > S$
- D** no since  $R > T$

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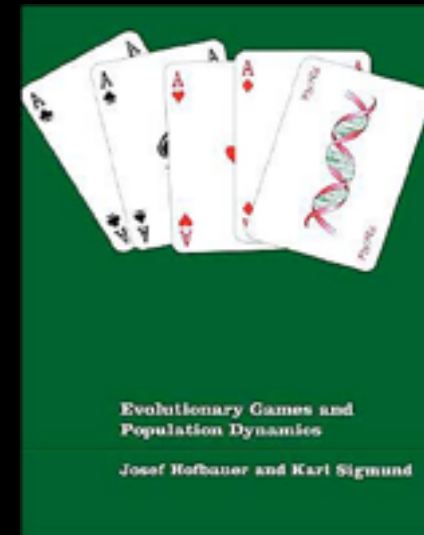
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# Evolutionary dynamics



Replicator equation ...

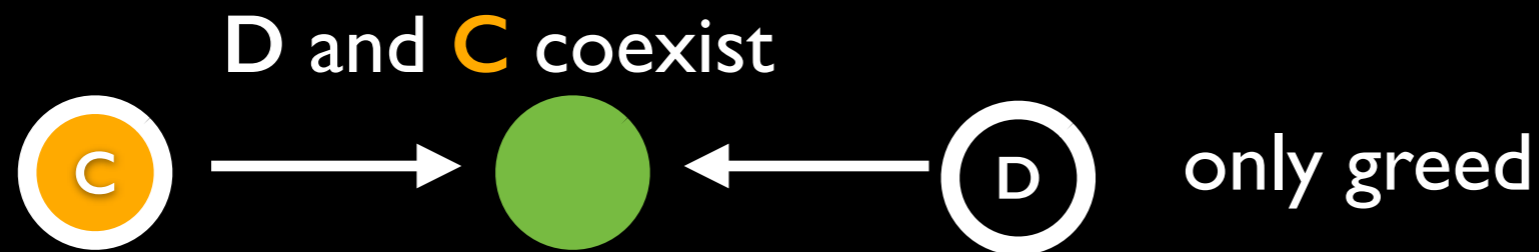
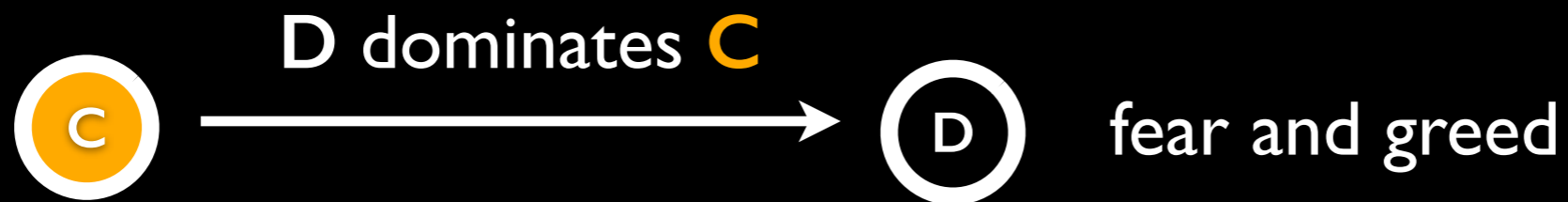
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= x(1-x)[f_C(x) - f_D(x)] \\ &= x(1-x)[(b-c+c-b+0)x - c - 0] \\ &= -cx(1-x) \end{aligned}$$



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

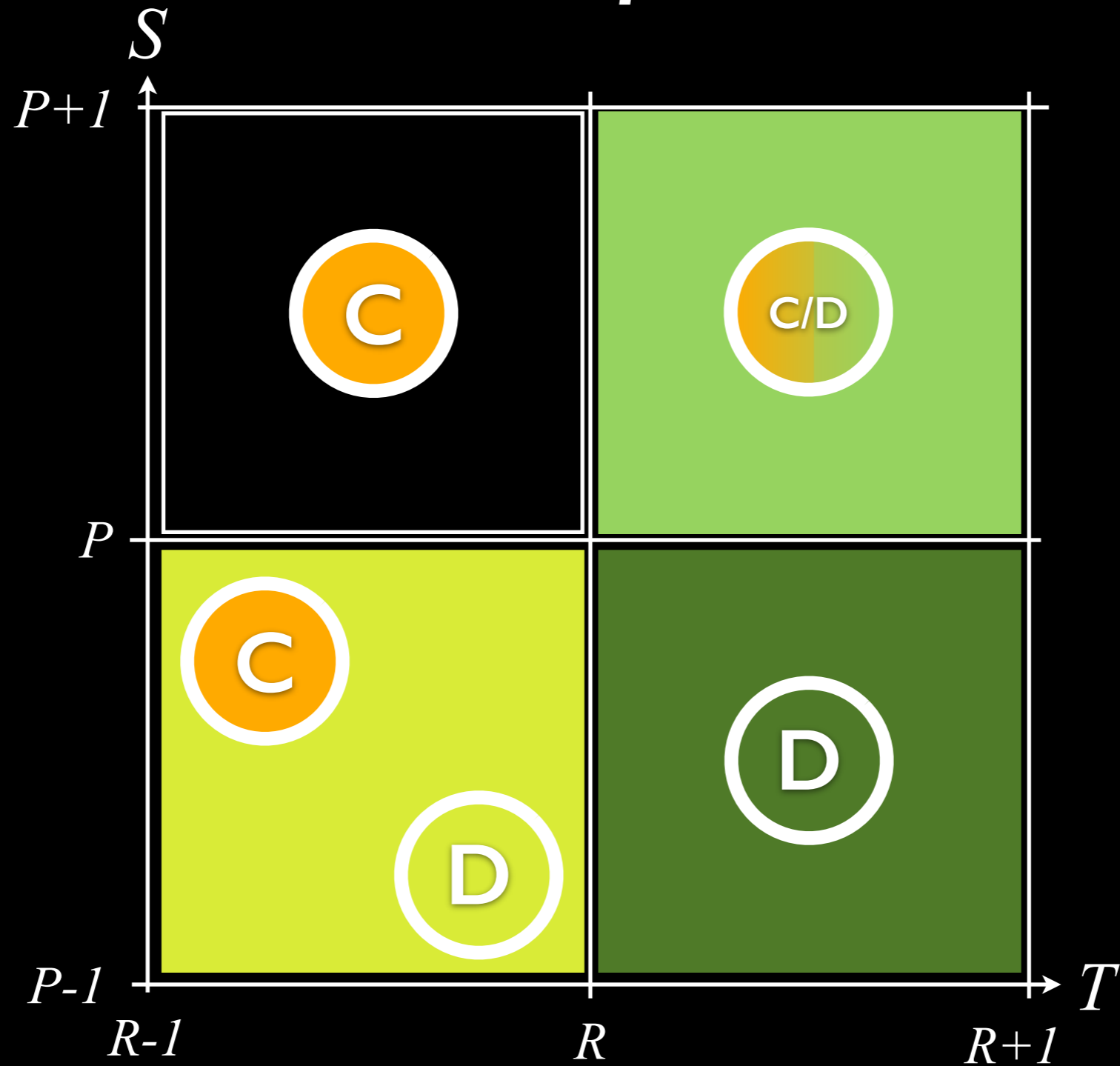
# Dynamics of social dilemmas

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



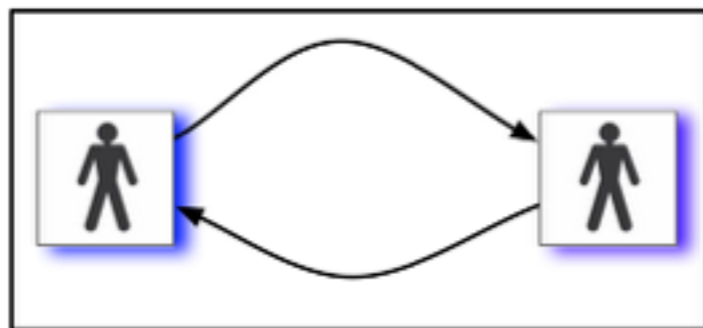
$$x^* = \frac{S-P}{R-S-T+P}$$

# Equilibria Summary

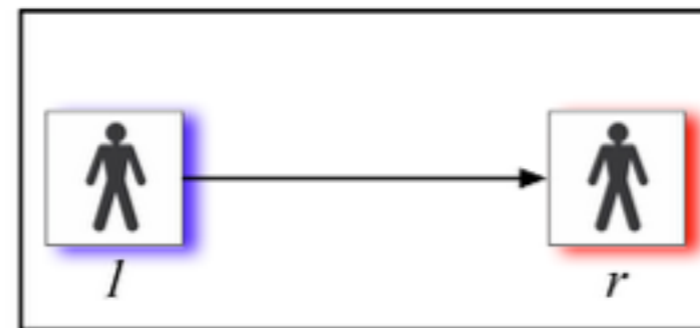


# How to evolve cooperation

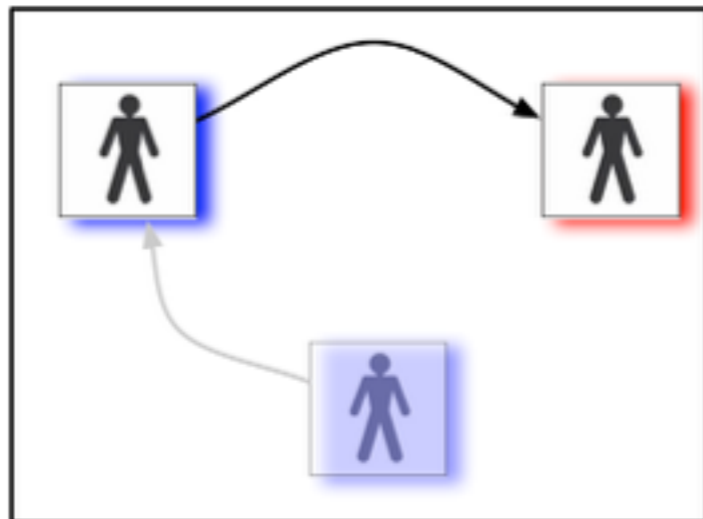
Direct reciprocity



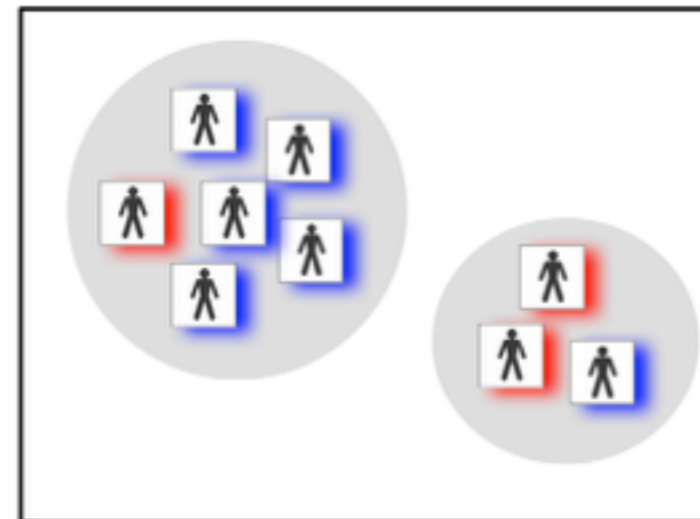
kin selection



Indirect reciprocity



group selection



M. Nowak (2006) Five rules for the evolution of cooperation. *Science* 314:1560-1563

C. Taylor and M. Nowak (2007) Transforming the dilemma. *Evolution* 61-10:2281-2292

# Direct reciprocity

How would the dynamics change when interactions between the same two individuals can be repeated?



What kind of strategies could we make that take into account the actions from previous encounters?

R. Trivers (1971) The evolution of reciprocal altruism  
Q Rev Biol 46:35-37



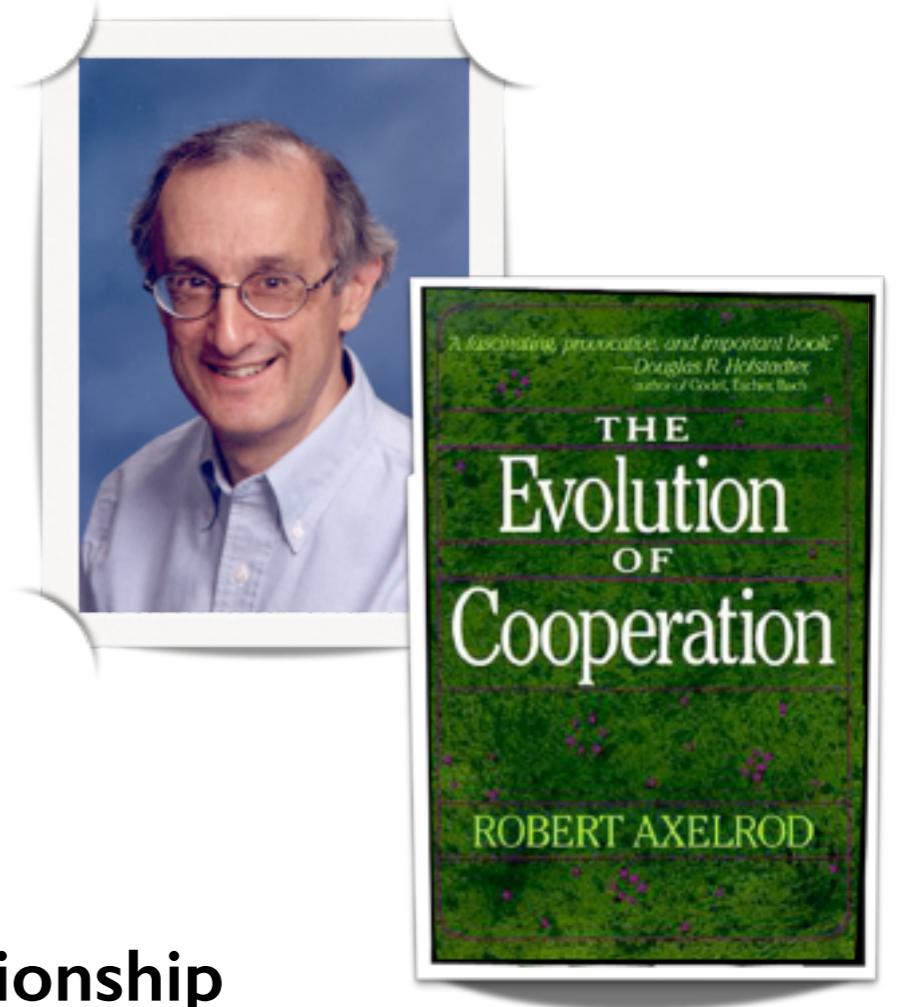
# Direct reciprocity

In 1978 R. Axelrod organised a tournament between strategies that play against each other in a Prisoner's dilemma (14 contestants)

**TFT - Tit For Tat** (A. Rapoport)

For cooperation to emerge :

- 1) individuals should be involved in **ongoing relationship**
- 2) individuals should be able to **identify** each other
- 3) possess **information** about how individuals behaved in the past → *enormous strategy space*



# Direct reciprocity

Thus **TFT** plays **C** in the first round and then plays the same strategy as the opponents previous one

With probability  $w$  there is another round of interactions  
On average there are  $1/(1-w)$  interactions between two players

$\hat{w} = 1/(1-w)$	<b>TFT</b>	<b>ALLD</b>
<b>TFT</b>	$\hat{w}R$	$S + (\hat{w}-1)P$
<b>ALLD</b>	$T + (\hat{w}-1)P$	$\hat{w}P$

**TFT** is an ESS when  $\hat{w}R > T + (\hat{w}-1)P$

$$\hat{w} > \frac{T-P}{R-P}$$

# Direct reciprocity

Lets take for example a Prisoner's dilemma :  
 $T > R > P > S$

$\hat{w} = 1/(1-w)$	TFT	ALLD	
TFT	$\hat{w}R$	$S + (\hat{w}-1)P$	
ALLD	$T + (\hat{w}-1)P$	$\hat{w}P$	
			C D
	C	$R=3$	$S=0$
	D	$T=5$	$P=1$

ALLD is an ESS

TFT is an ESS when

$$\hat{w} > \frac{T-P}{R-P} = 2 \quad w > 0.5$$

# Direct reciprocity

Yet **TFT** has problems with errors since it cannot correct them:

As a consequence, the **TFT** payoff is decreased

$$E(\text{TFT}, \text{TFT}) = \frac{R+P+T+S}{4}$$

**TFT** can be invaded by **AIIC** by random drift



TFT: **C** **C** **C** **D** **C** **D** **C** **D** **D** **D** ...  
 TFT: **C** **C** **C** **C** **D** **C** **D** **D** **D** **D** ...

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$\hat{w} = 1/(1-w)$	TFT	AIIC
TFT	$\hat{w}R$	$\hat{w}R$
AIIC	$\hat{w}R$	$\hat{w}R$

# Indirect reciprocity

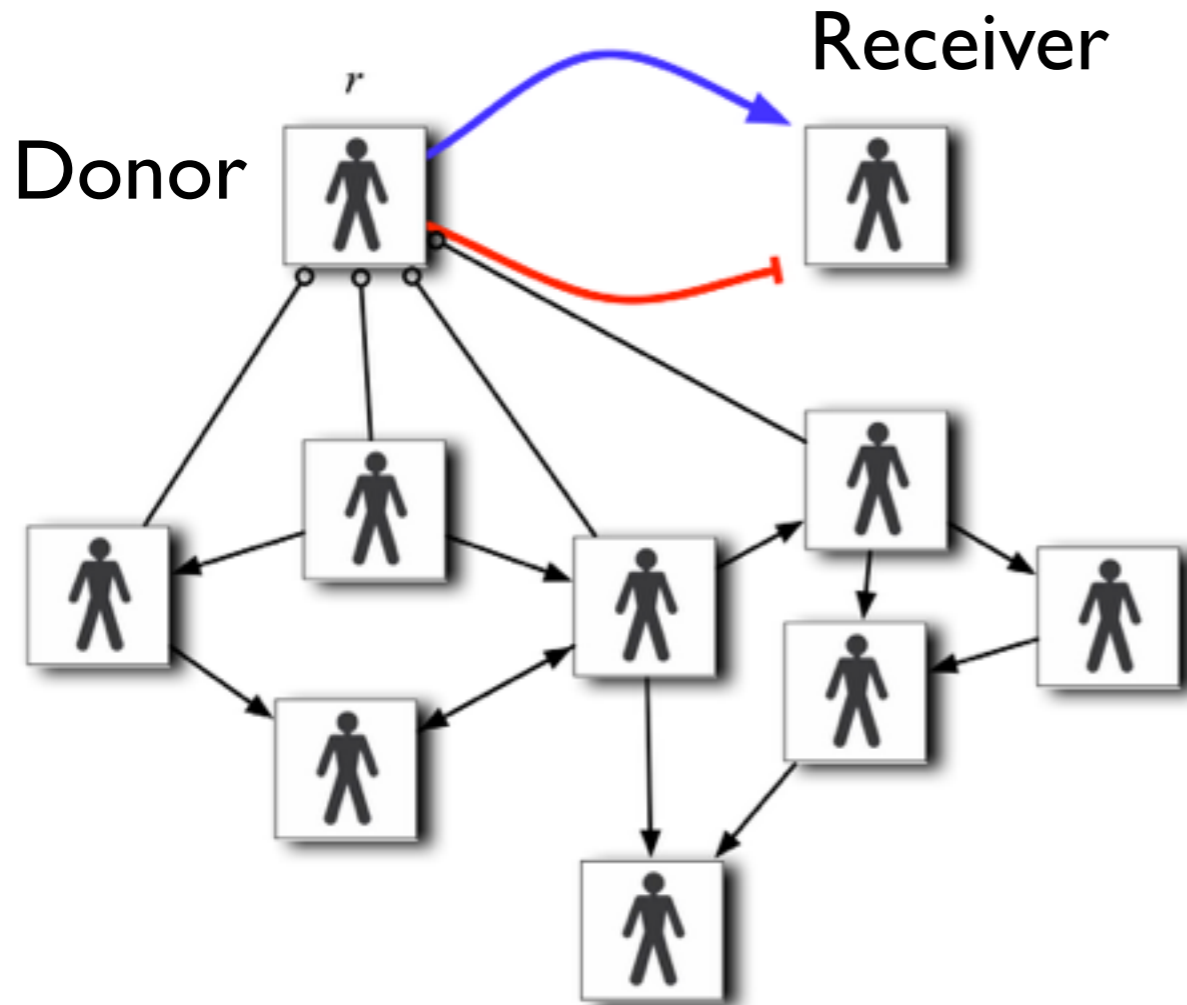
Indirect reciprocity takes your reputation into account



“Indirect reciprocity arises out of direct reciprocity in the presence of an interested audience”

# Indirect reciprocity

Interactions are not repeated in this context



Each individual has a reputation which initialised to 0

Every time the individual helps someone, the reputation increases

Whenever the individual refuses to help, the reputation decreases

Conditional strategies could take advantage of this information: Help is only provided to another individual when the reputation exceeds a certain value

# Indirect reciprocity

Assume a strategy **DISC** that will cooperate unless it knows that the other strategy is a defector

The probability of knowing the strategy is  $q$ , so  $(1-q)$  is the probability that **DISC** will cooperate with a defector

	DISC	ALLD
DISC	$R$	$(1-q)S + qP$
ALLD	$(1-q)T + qP$	$P$

**DISC** is an ESS when  $R > (1-q)T + qP$

$$q > \frac{T-R}{T-P}$$

# Indirect reciprocity

Take for instance the values for the prisoner's dilemma

	DISC	ALLD	
DISC	$R$	$(1-q)S + qP$	
ALLD	$(1-q)T + qP$	$P$	
			C D
			C
			D

AIID is an ESS

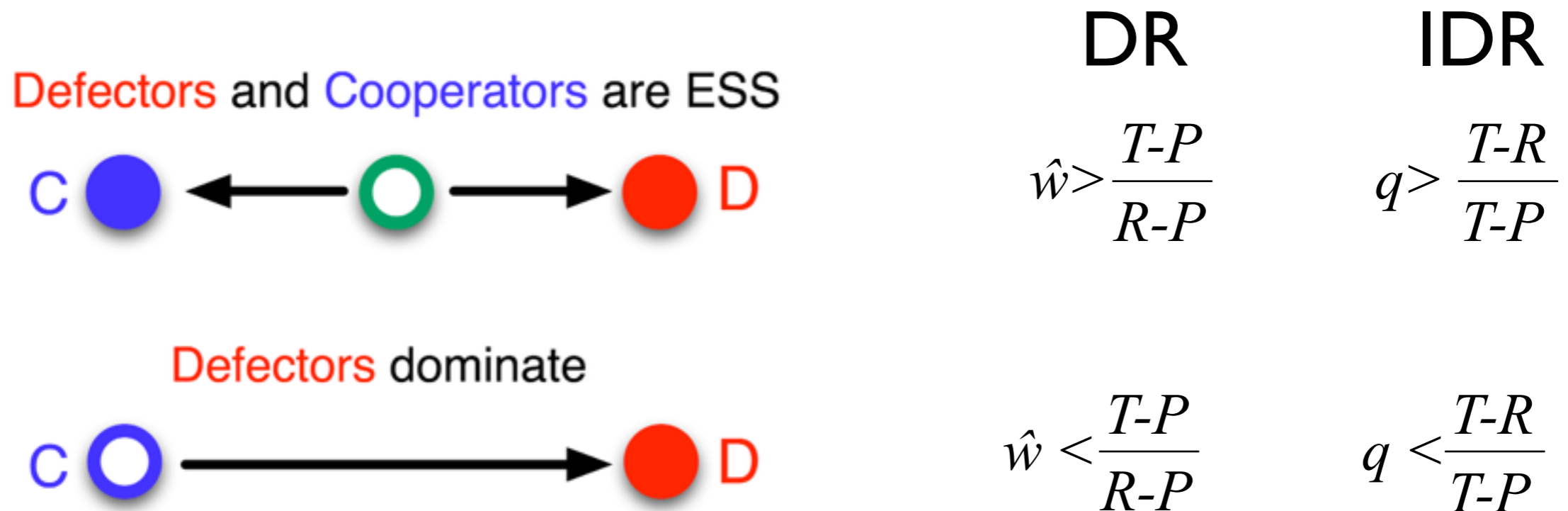
DISC is an ESS when

$$q > \frac{T-R}{T-P} = 1/2$$



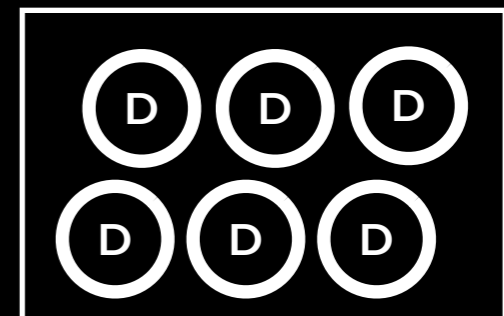
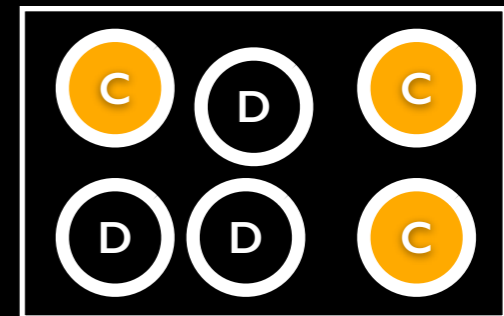
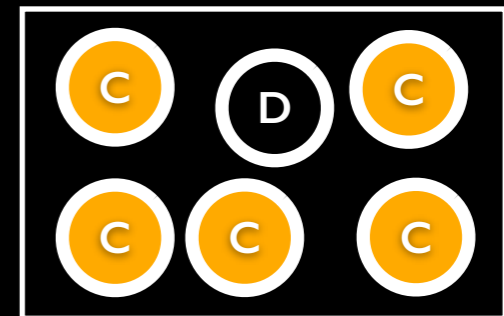
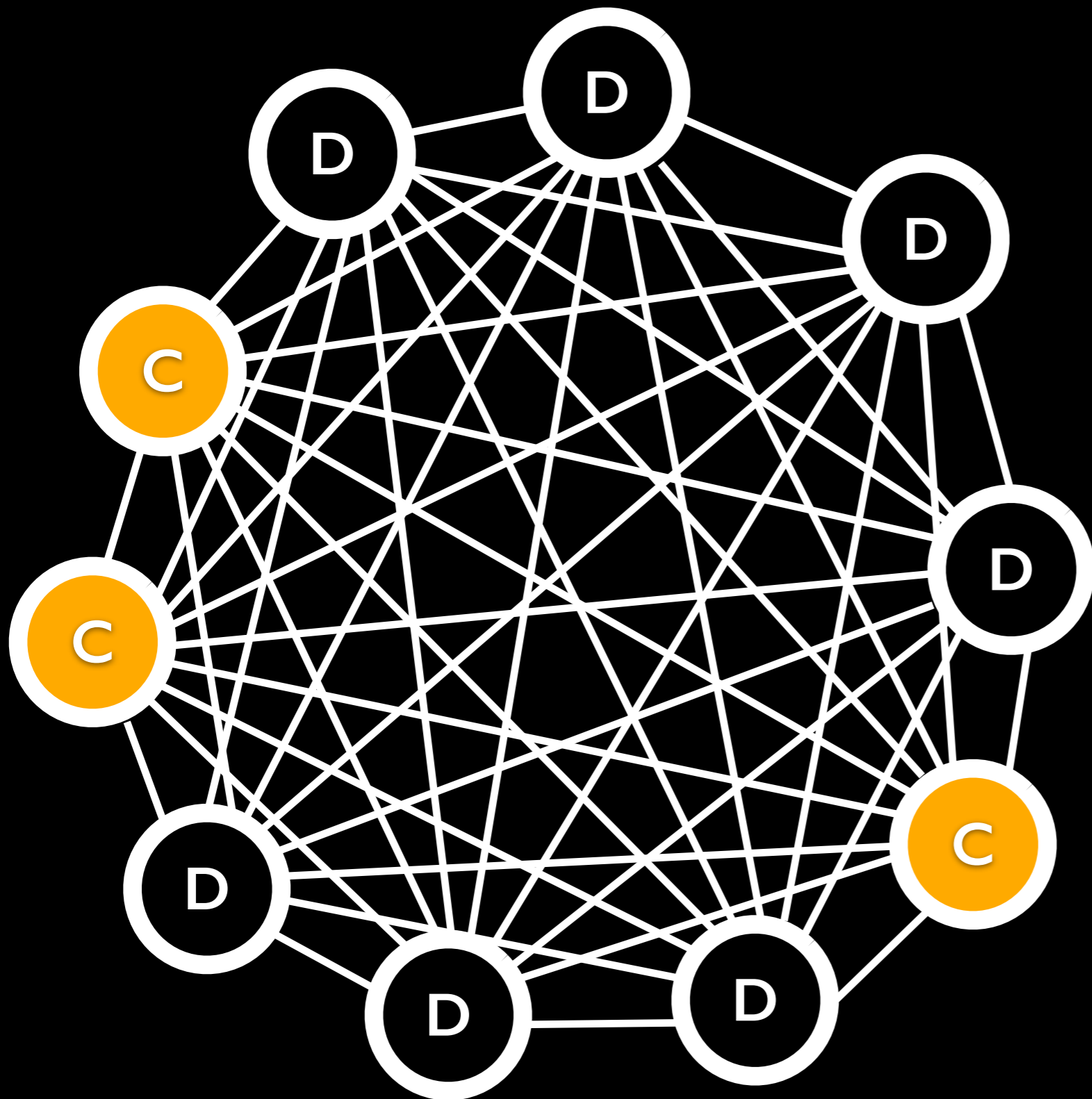
# Small summary

So in case of direct and indirect reciprocity one obtains very similar results in the prisoners dilemma

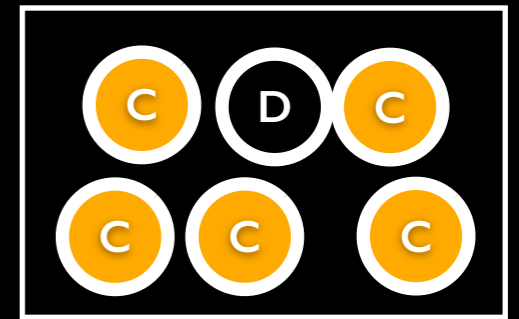
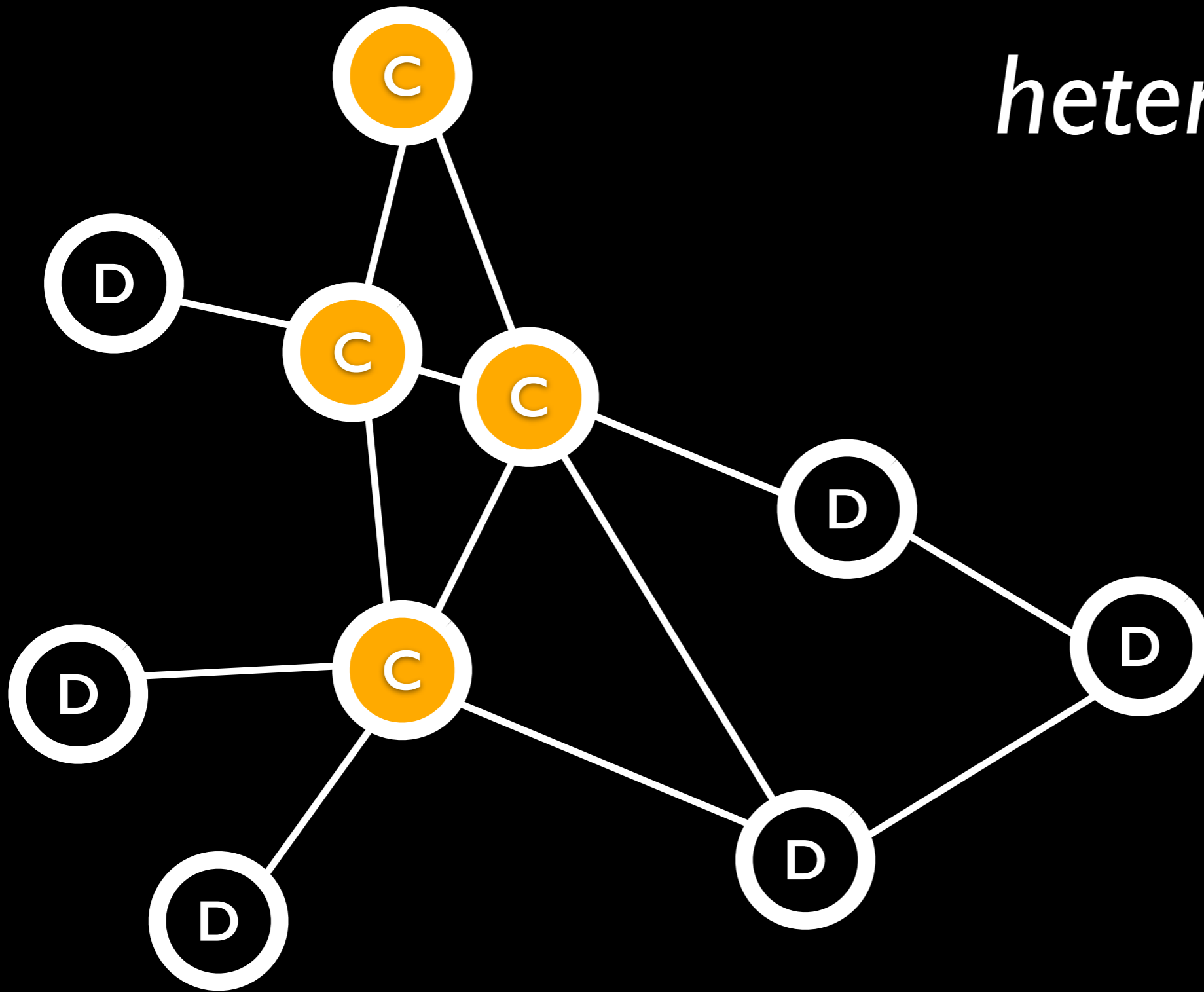


The prisoner's dilemma is transformed into a stag-hunt game !

# *The well-mixed assumption*



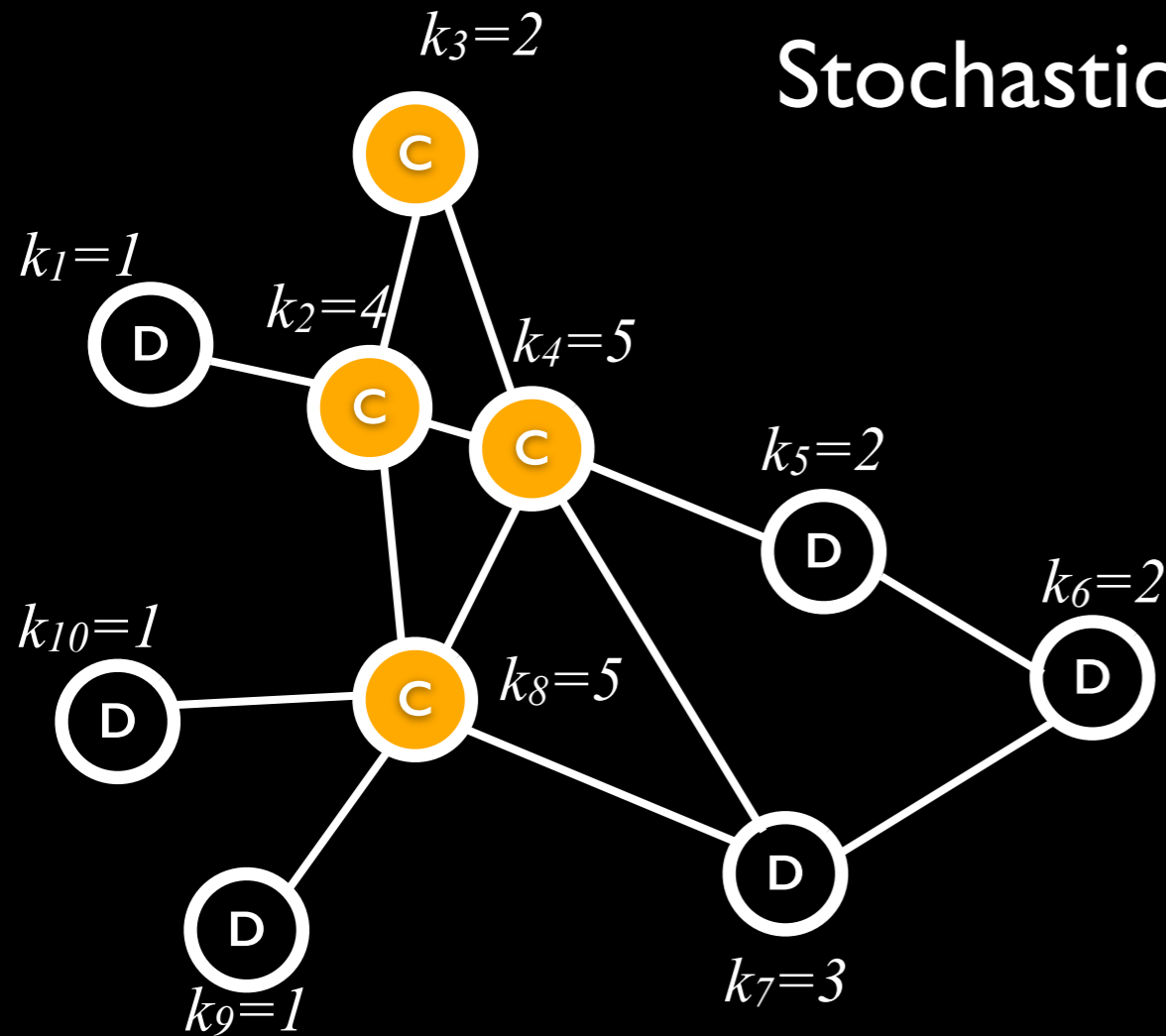
*heterogeneity !*



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# Evolutionary dynamics



Stochastic replicator equation ...

Vertex  $x$  plays  $k_x$  times and **accumulates** payoff  $f_x$

Choose a random neighbor  $y$  (payoff  $f_y$ )

Replace strategy  $S_x$  by  $S_y$  with probability

$$p = \max[0, (f_y - f_x) / k_x (T - S)]$$

## Simulation I

The EGT  
assumption:

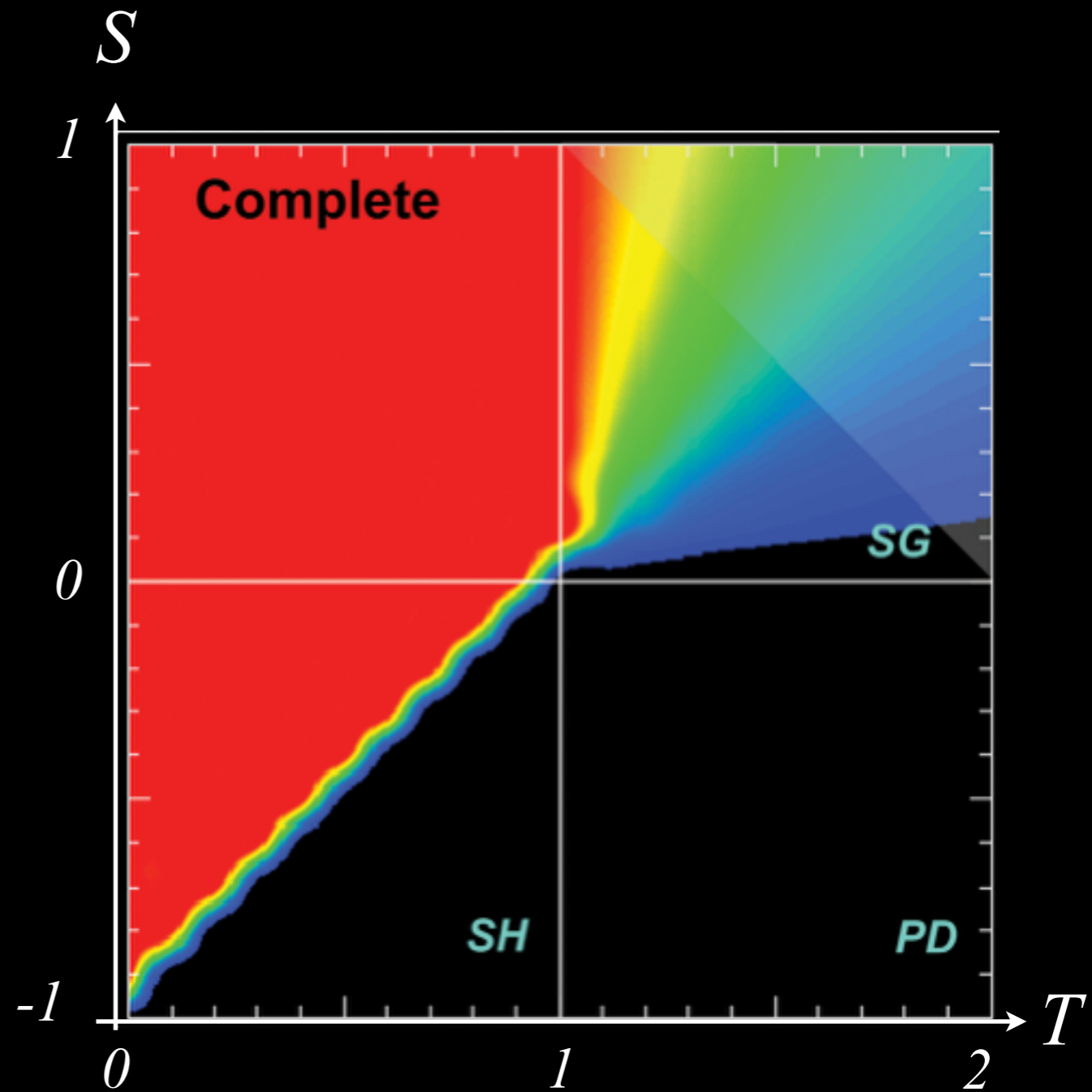
Everyone  
interacts with  
everyone

$$N=10^4$$

100 runs

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

$$R=1, P=0$$



# *Which networks?*



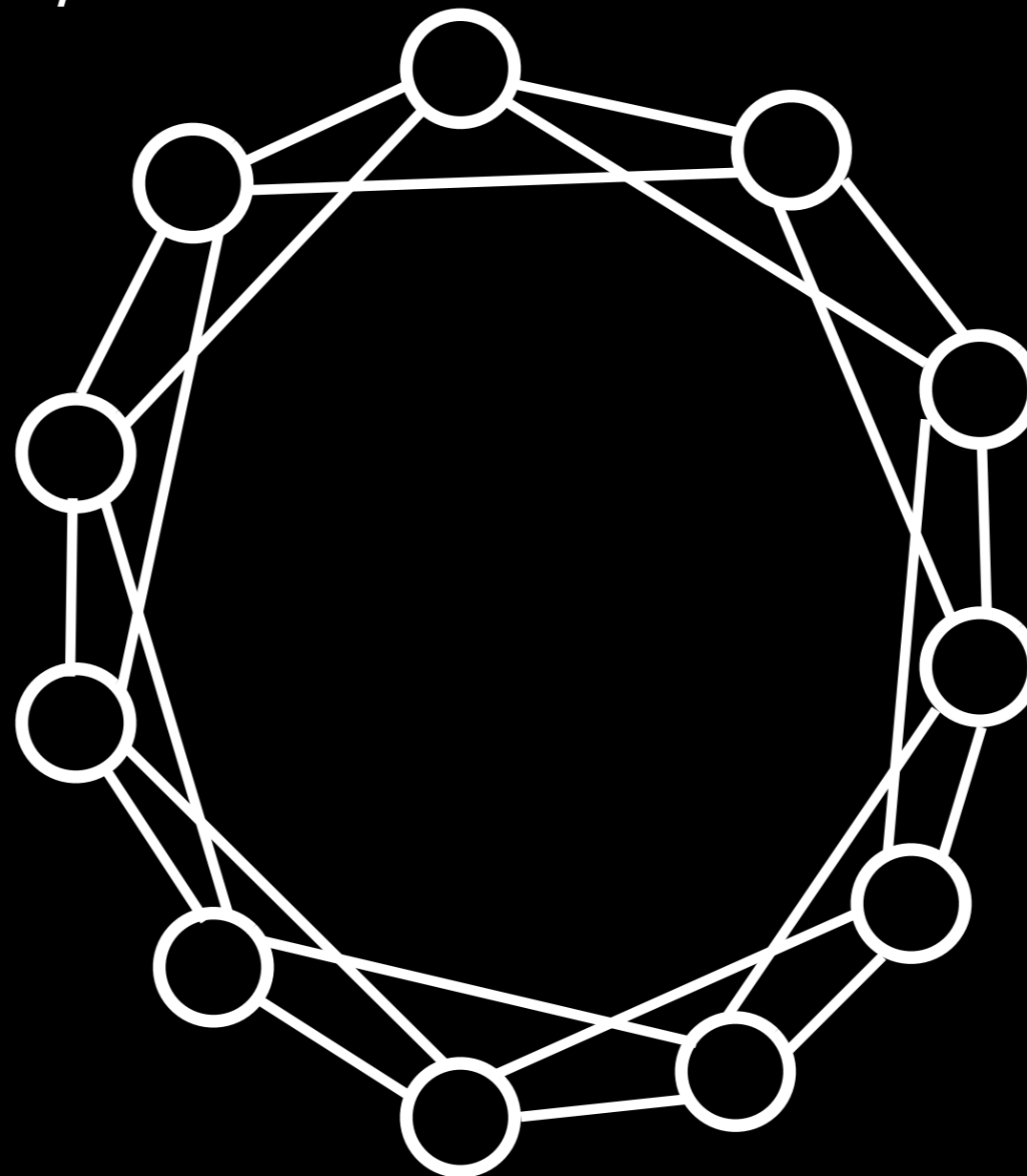
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What does data tell us about real  
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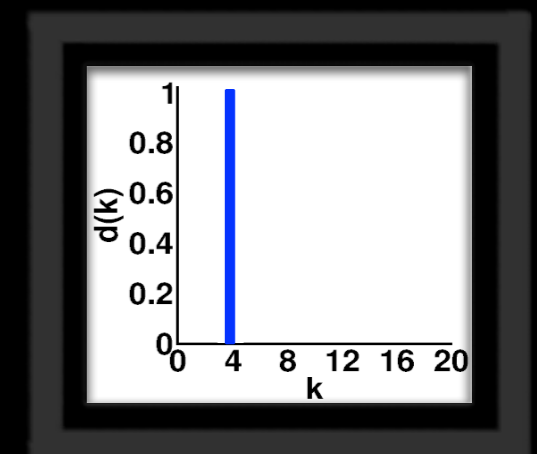


# Regular graphs

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



regular and democratic network



## Simulation II

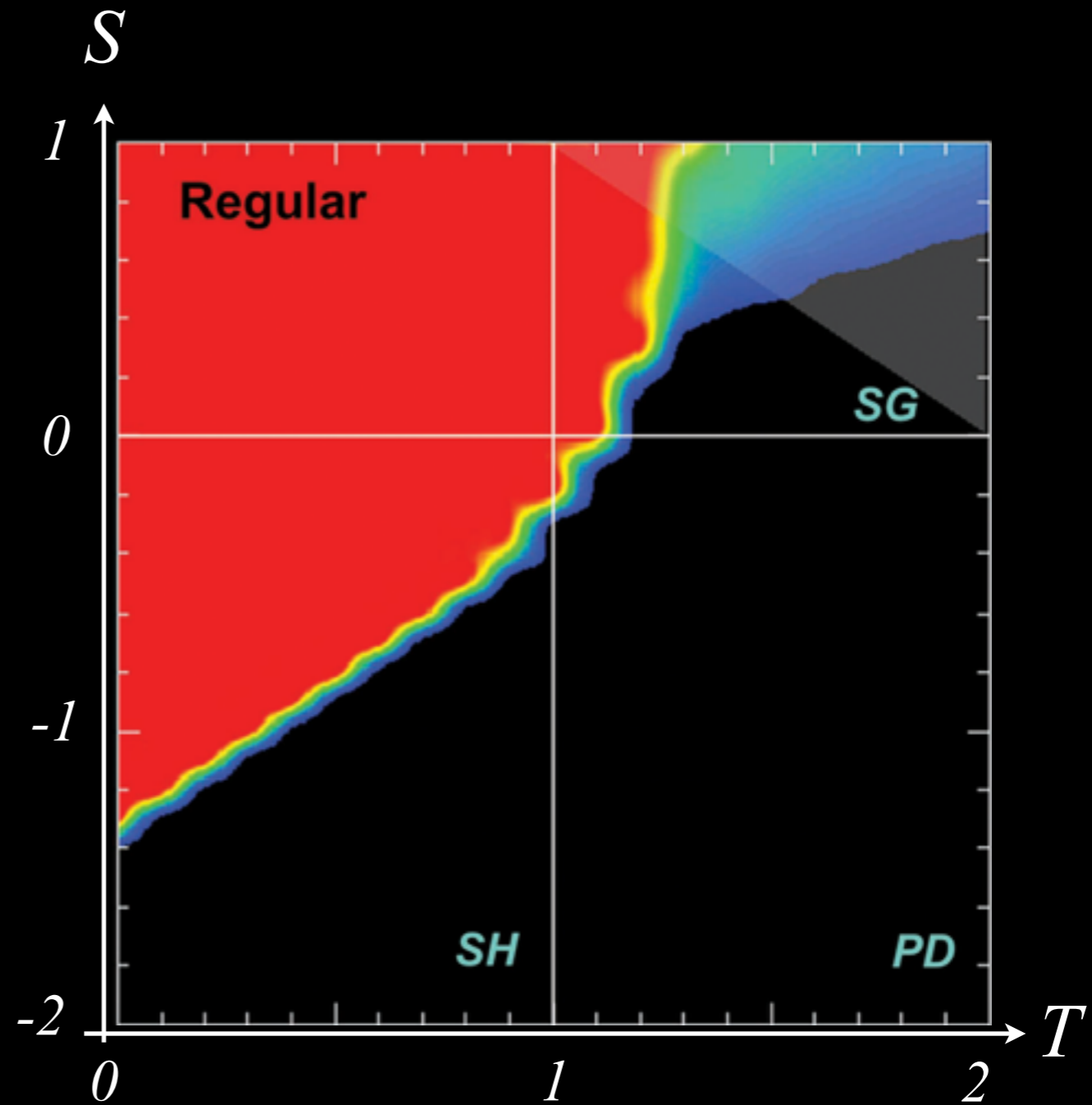
There is a limit  
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its democratic

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

100 runs

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

$$R=1, P=0$$

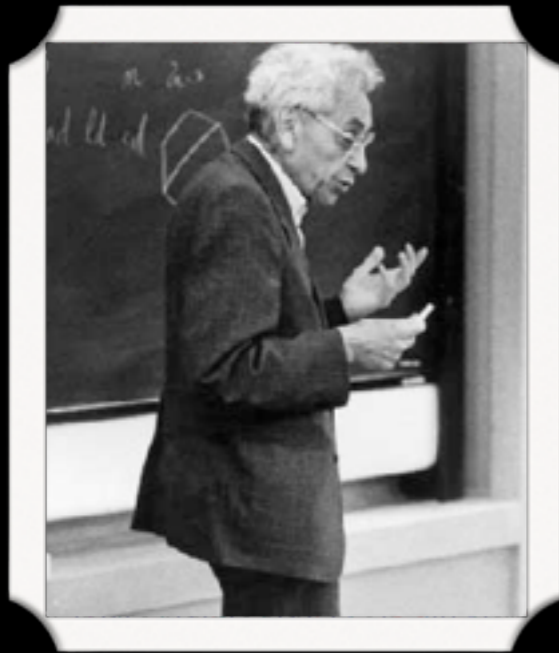




# Random graphs

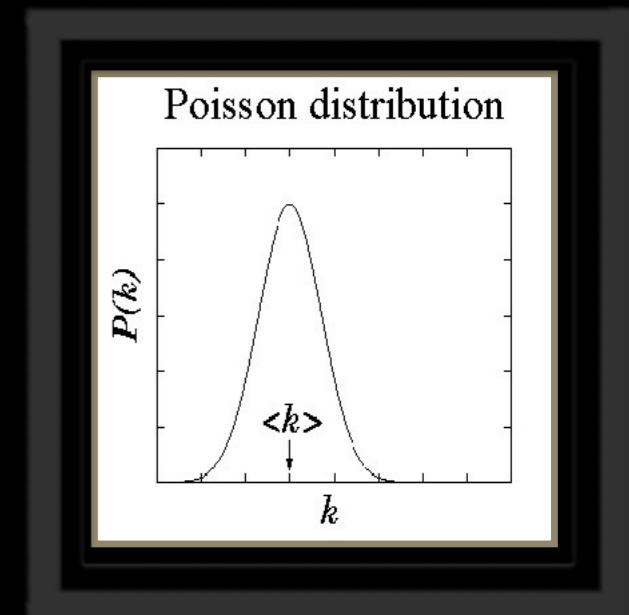
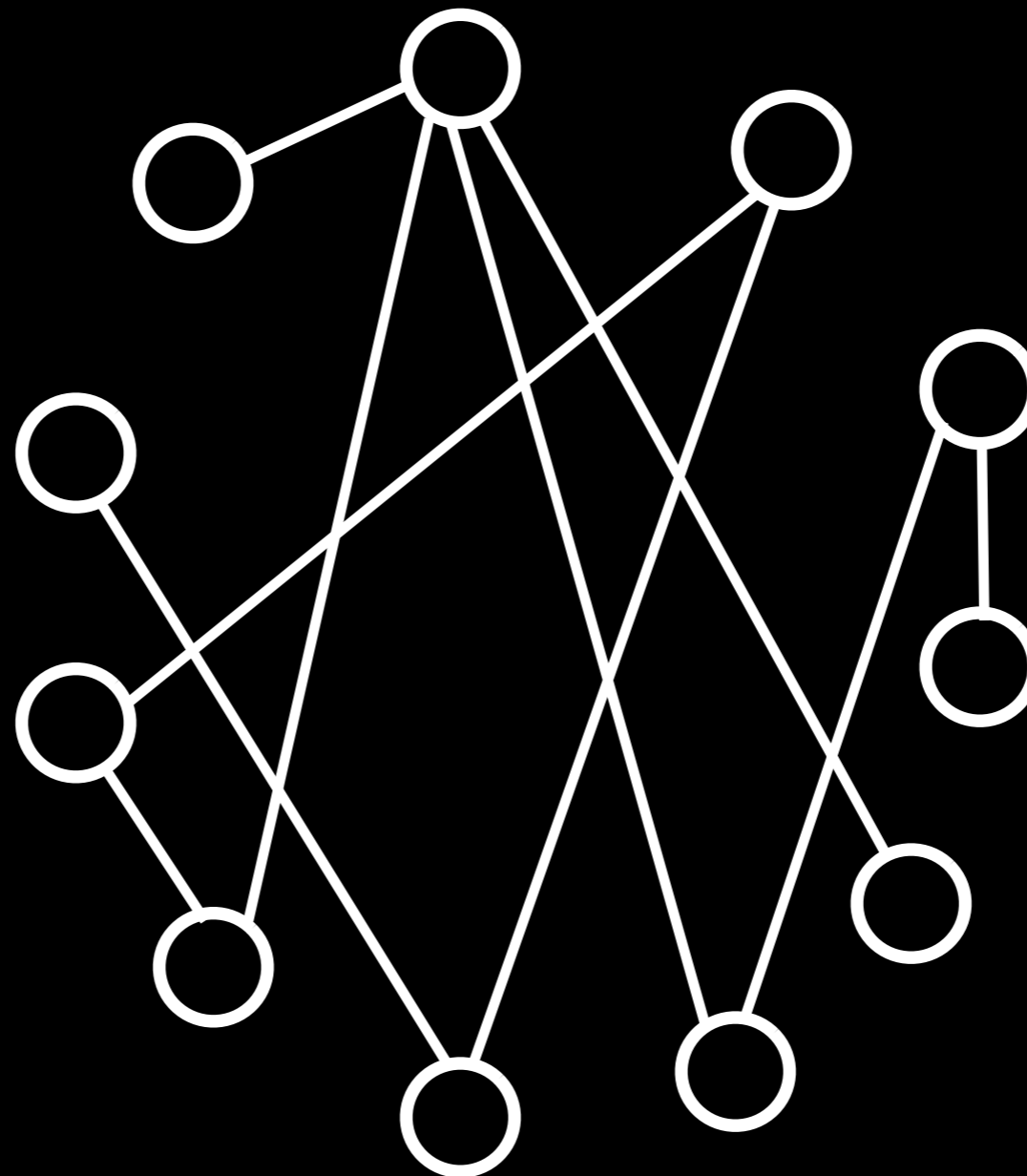
Connect with probability  $p$

$$p=1/6, N=10 \\ \Rightarrow \langle k \rangle \approx 1.5$$



P. Erdős  
(1913-1996)

random and  
democratic  
network



## Simulation II

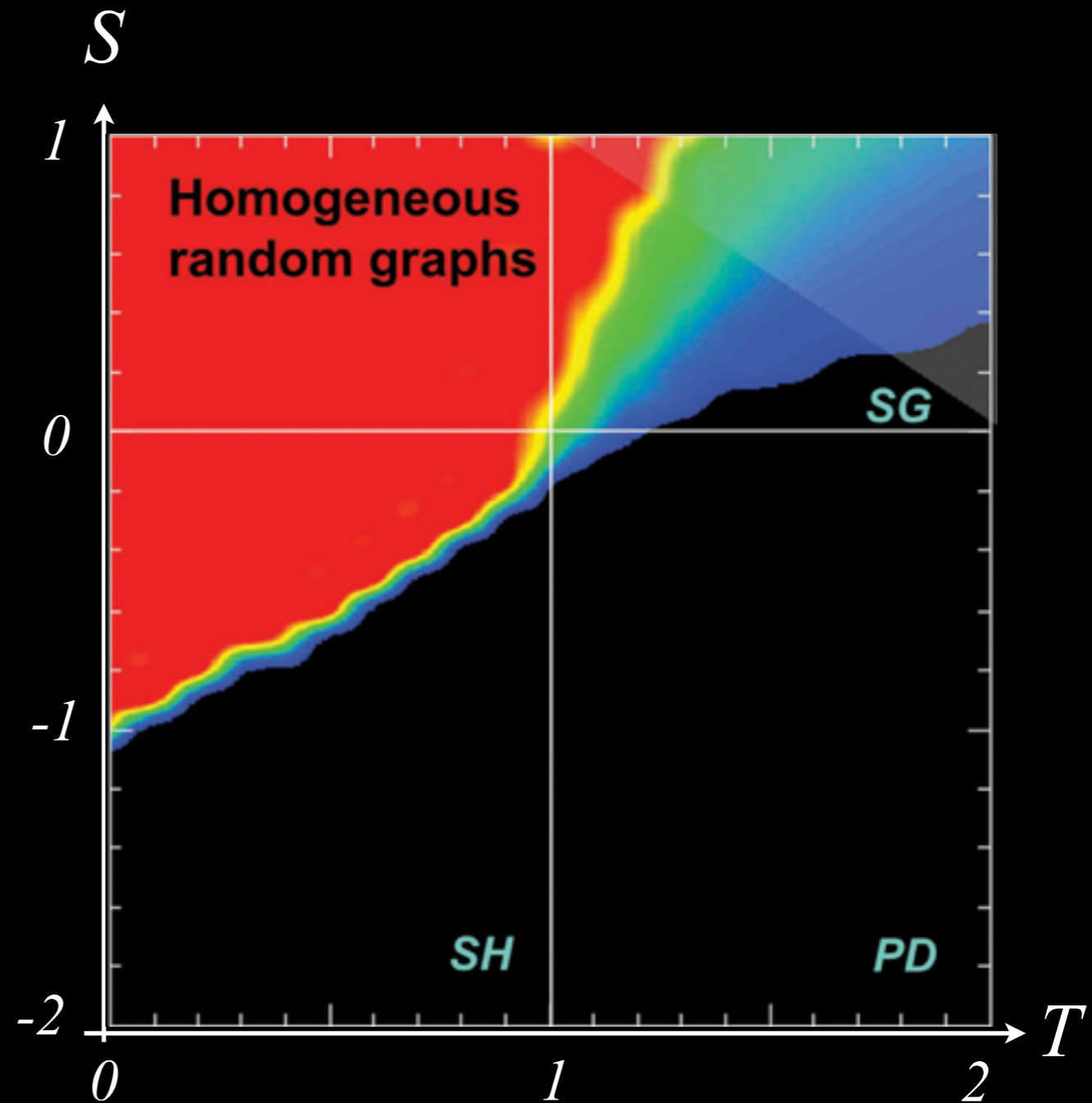
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# *Which networks?*



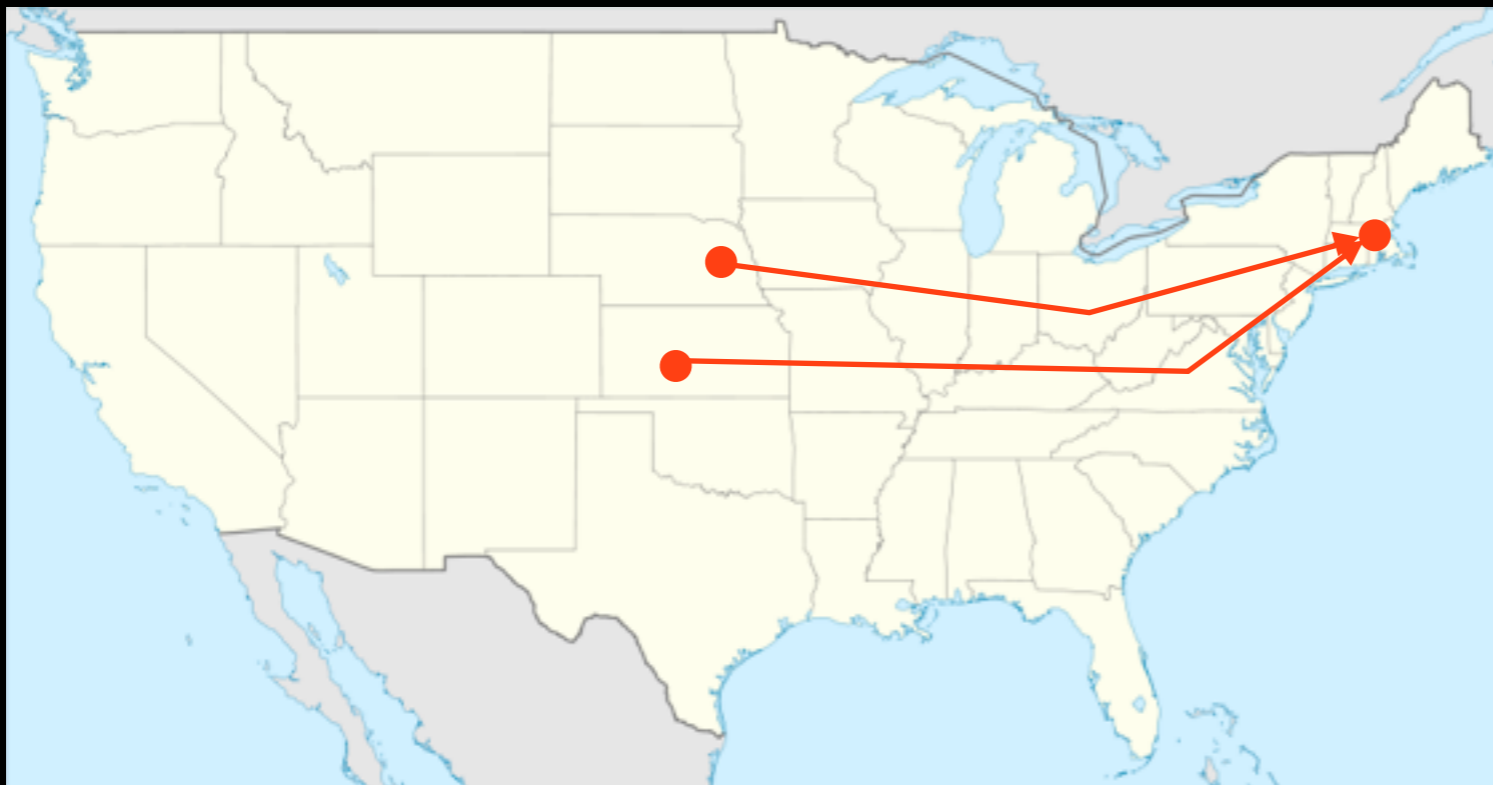
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# *Small world experiment*

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

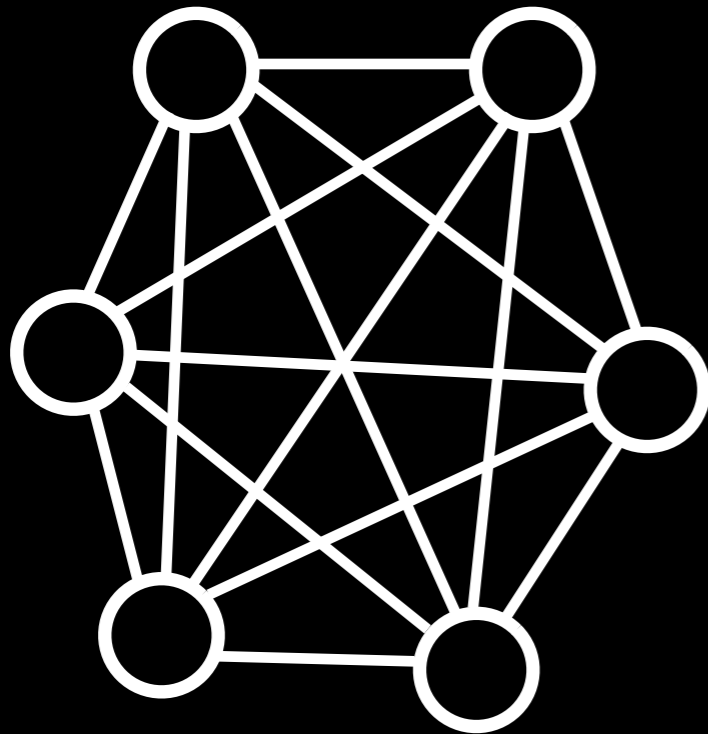


S. Milgram  
(1933-1984)

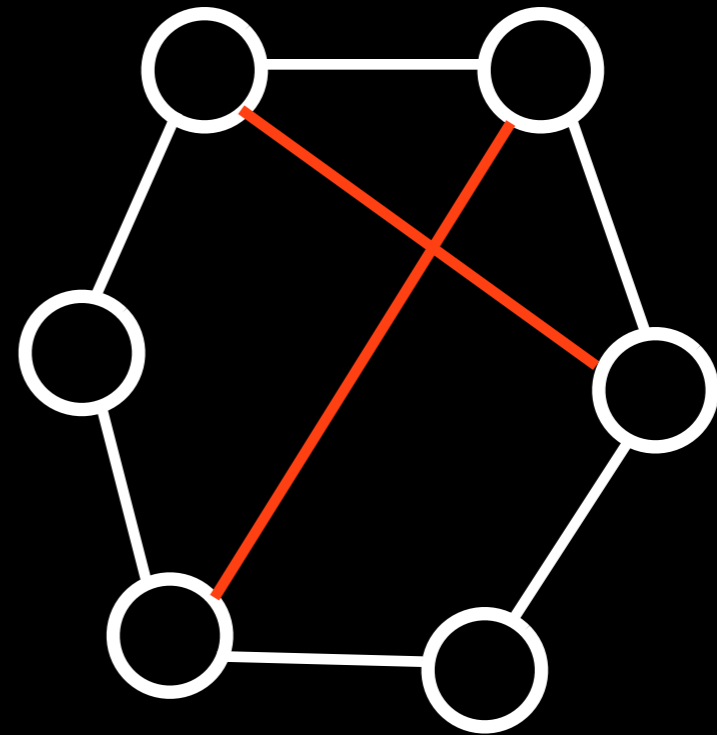
“Six degrees of separation“ (J. Guare, 1990)

# Average path length

$L=1$



$L=1.8$

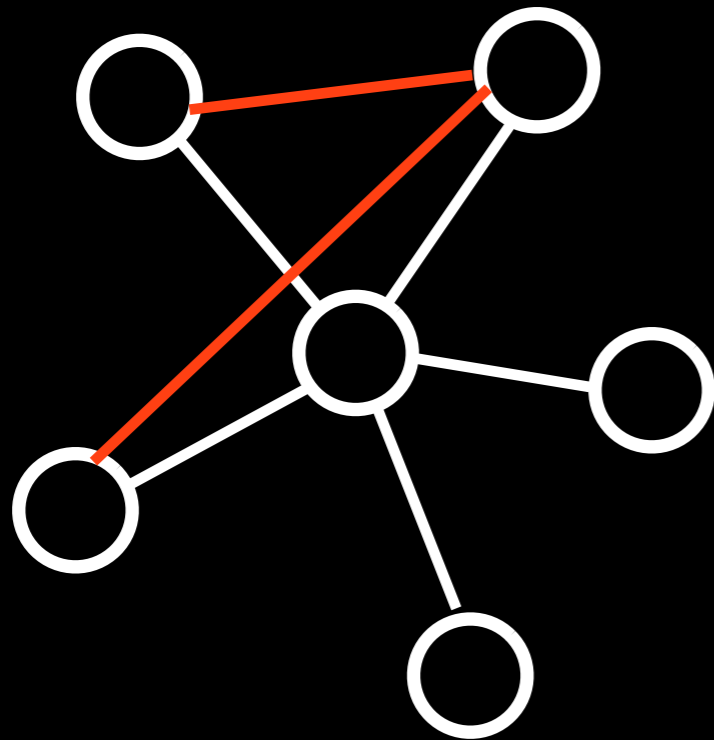


$$L = \frac{1}{N(N-1)} \sum_{i \neq j} d_{\min}(i, j)$$

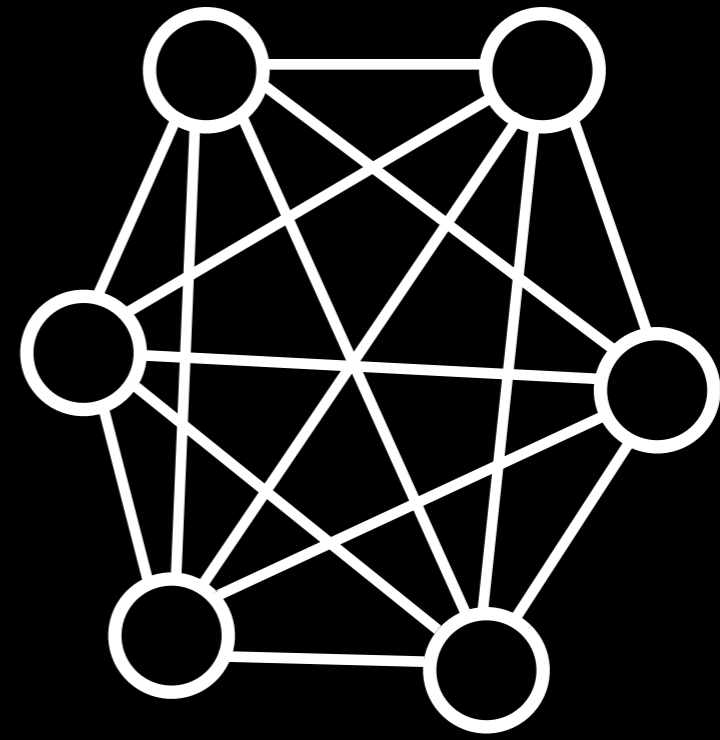
The average path length ( $L$ ) is a measure of proximity between nodes

# Cluster coefficient

$C \approx 0.5$



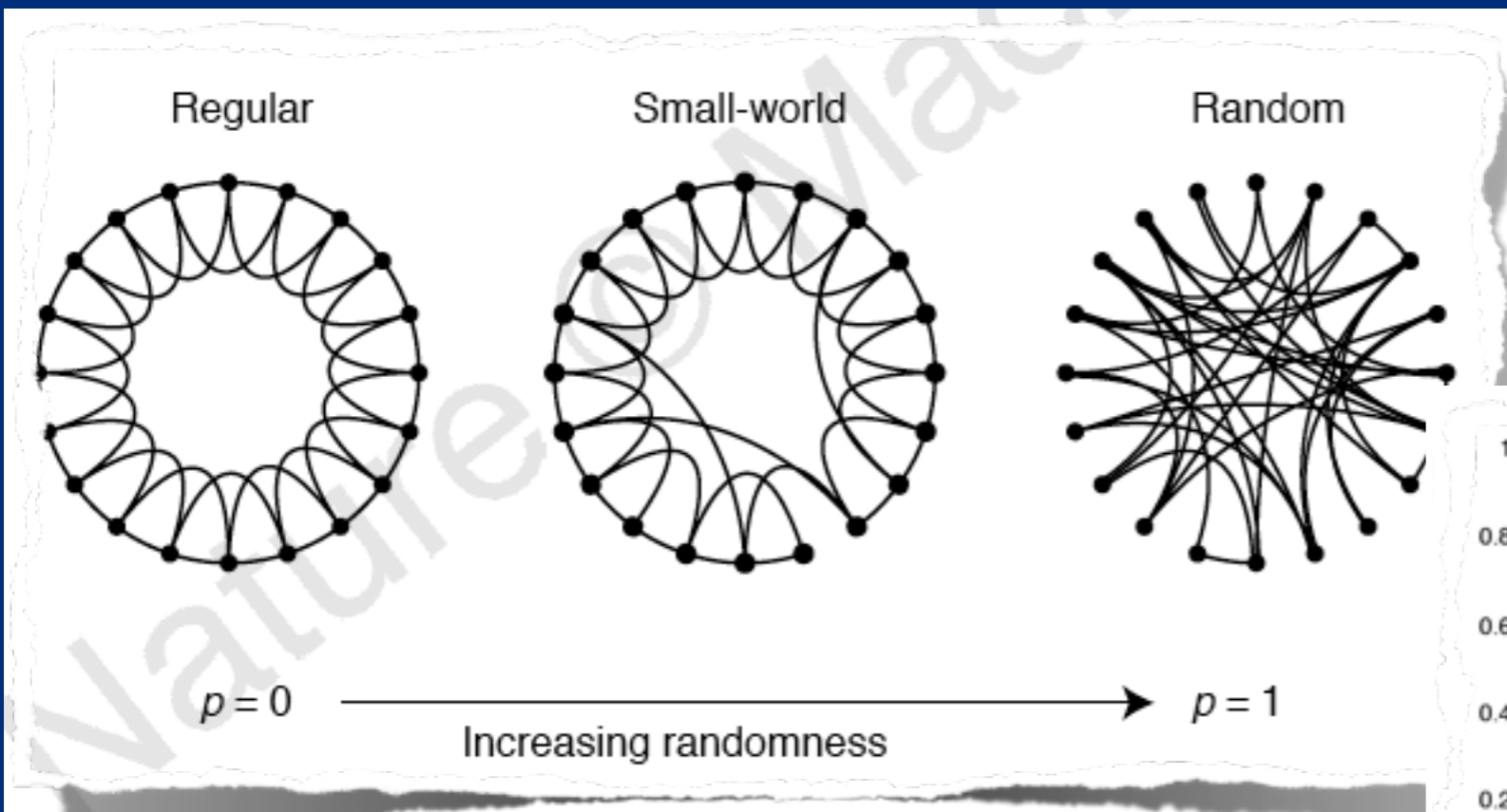
$C=1$



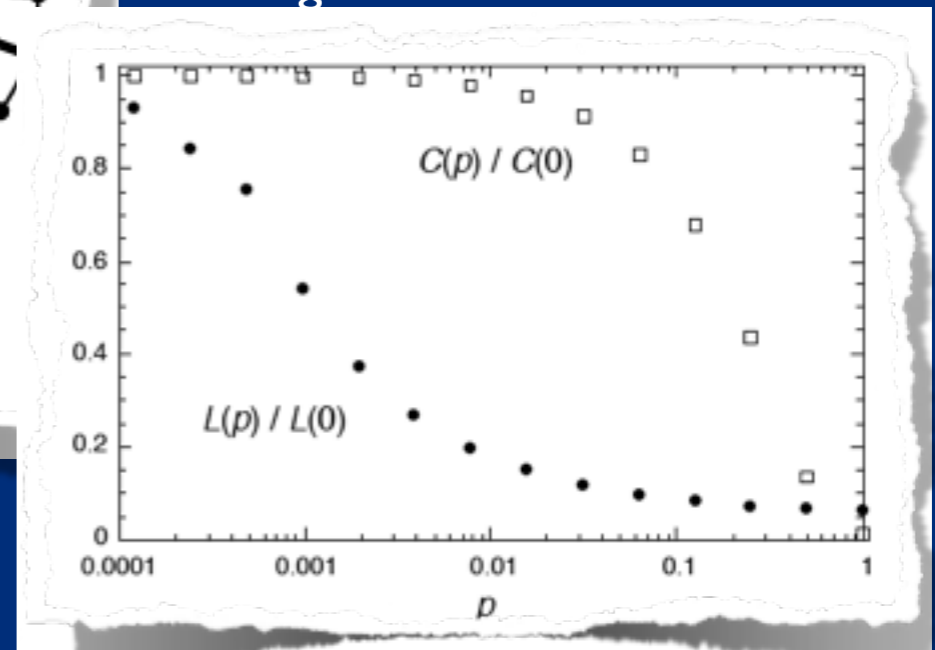
$$C = \frac{1}{N} \sum_i \frac{2c_i}{k_i(k_i-1)}$$

The cluster coefficient ( $C$ ) is a measure for cliquishness

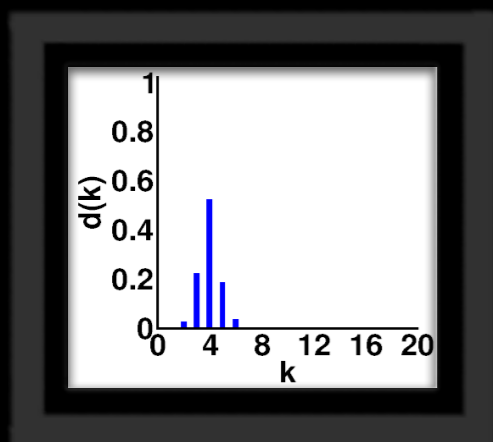
# Small world networks



*electrical power grid of South California, network of world airports, movie-actor network, the neuronal network of the worm C.elegans*



D.Watts and S. Strogatz (1998) Collective dynamics of 'small-world' networks. Nature 393:440-442



Mechanism:

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

# Network classes

## Classes of small-world networks

L. A. N. Amaral\*, A. Scala, M. Barthélémy†, and H. E. Stanley

Center for Polymer Studies and Department of Physics, Boston University, Boston, MA 02215

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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 classes of networks.

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### Empirical Results

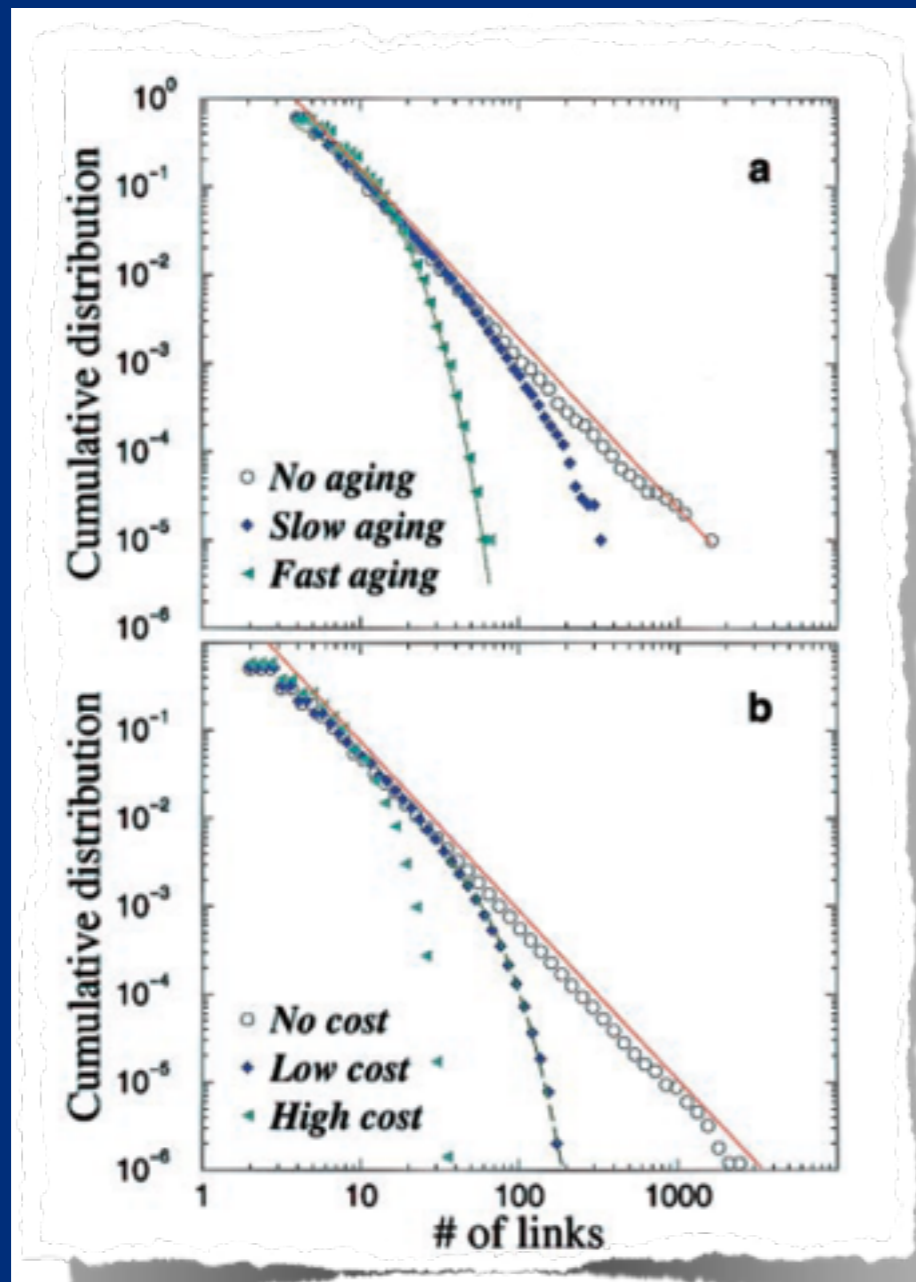
First, we consider two examples of technological and economic networks: (i) the electric power grid of Southern California (2), the vertices being generators, transformers, and substations and the links being high-voltage transmission lines; and (ii) the network of world airports (24), the vertices being the airports and the links being nonstop connections. For the case of the airport network, we have access to data on number of passengers in

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

*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*



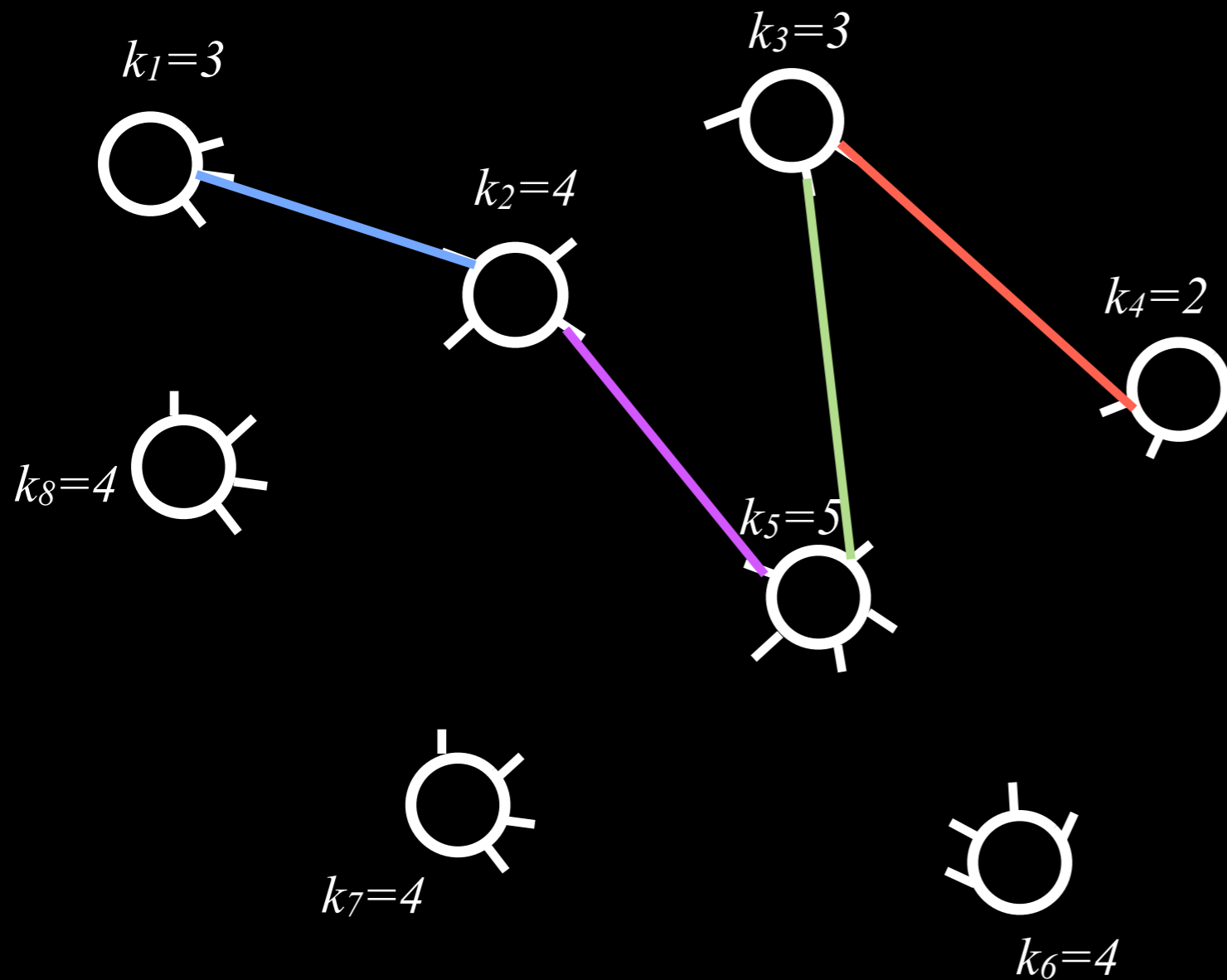
# Network classes



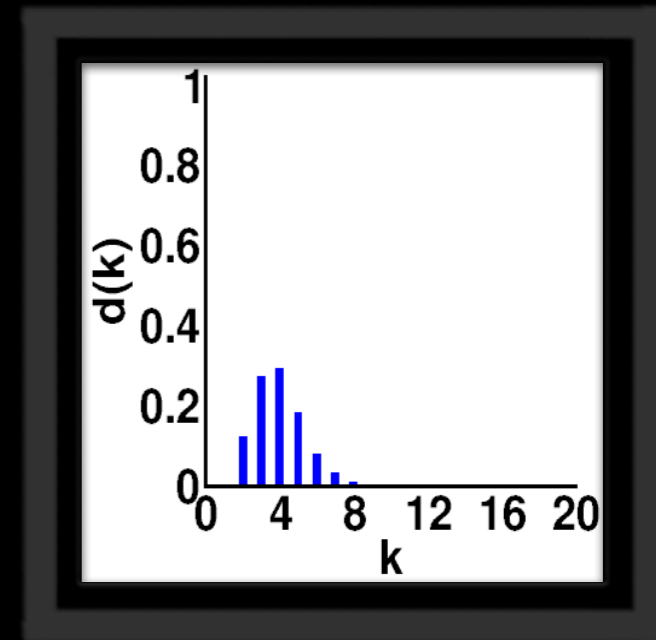
Aging of vertices as in the movie-actor network

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

# Configuration model



create random networks with a particular degree distribution



## Simulation IV

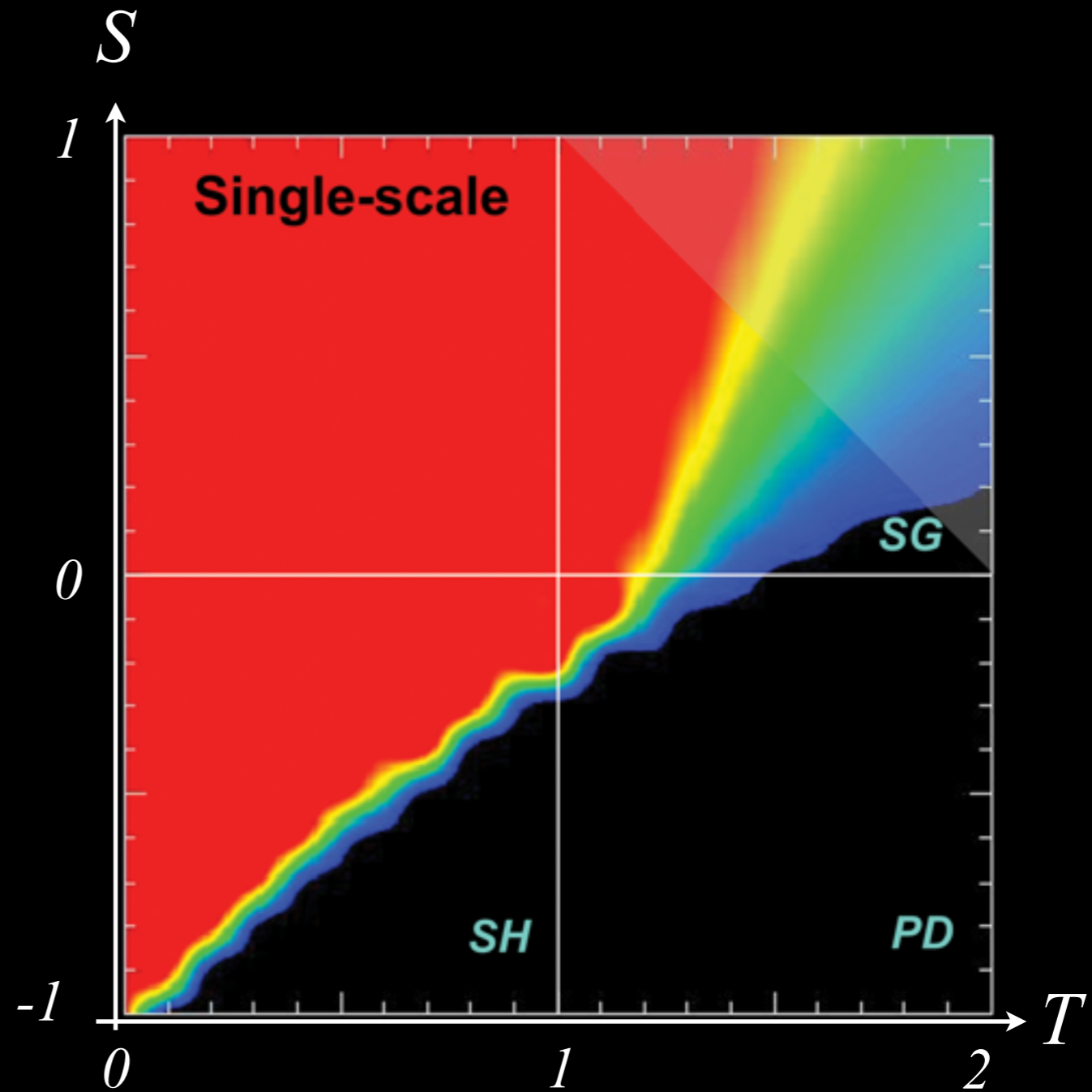
low heterogeneity  
assumption

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

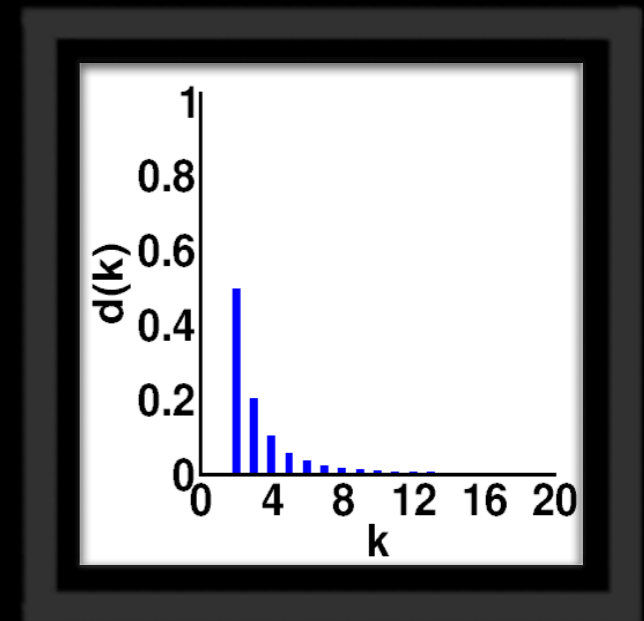
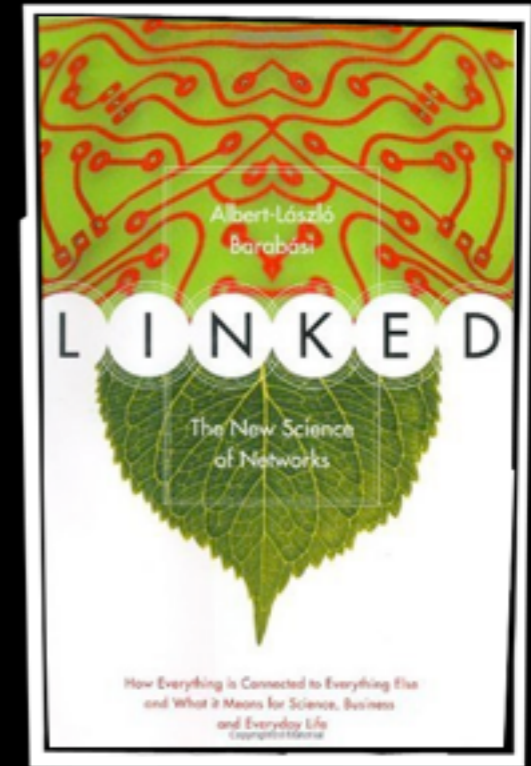
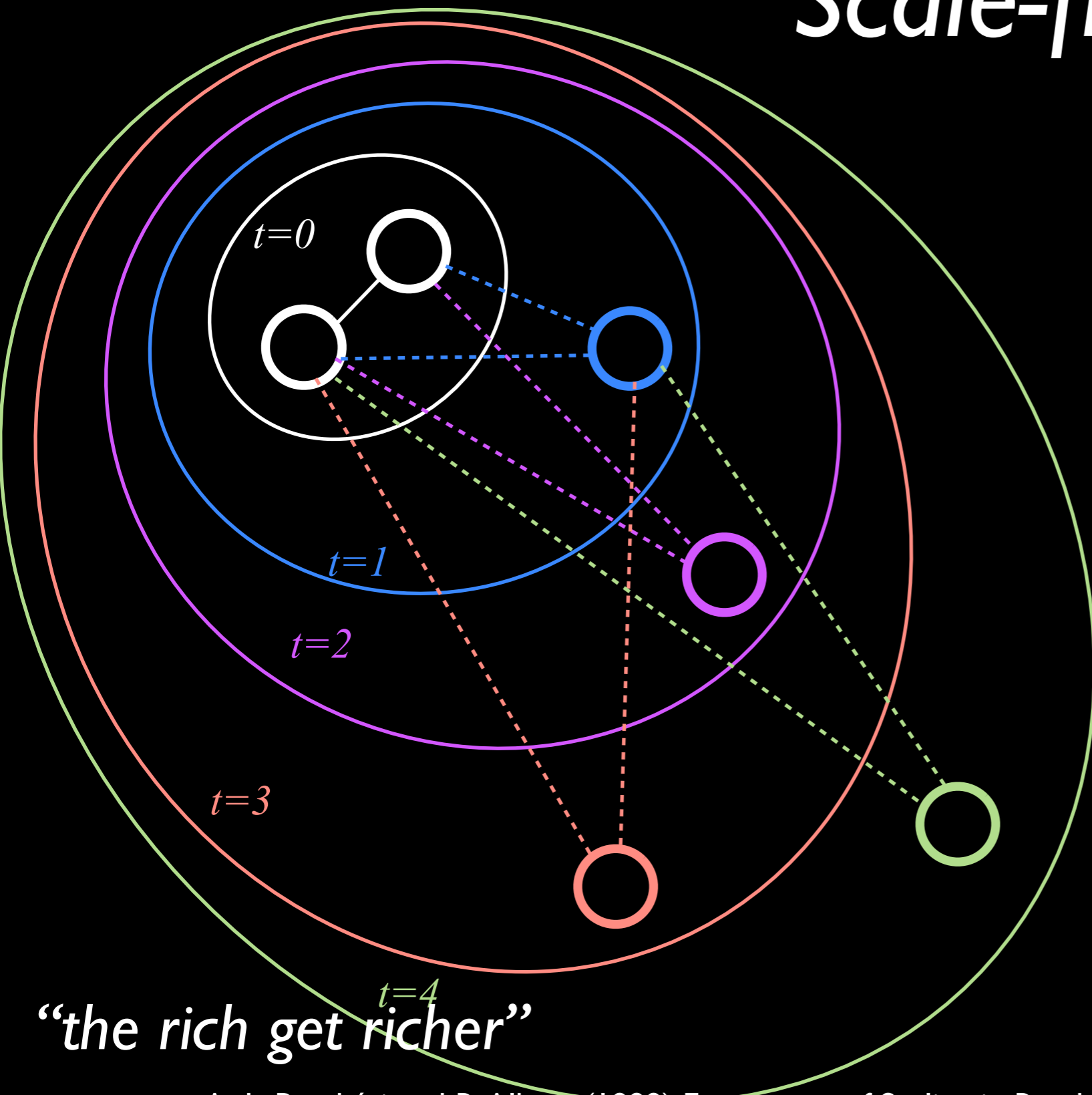
100 runs

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

$$R=1, P=0$$



# Scale-free Networks



## Simulation V

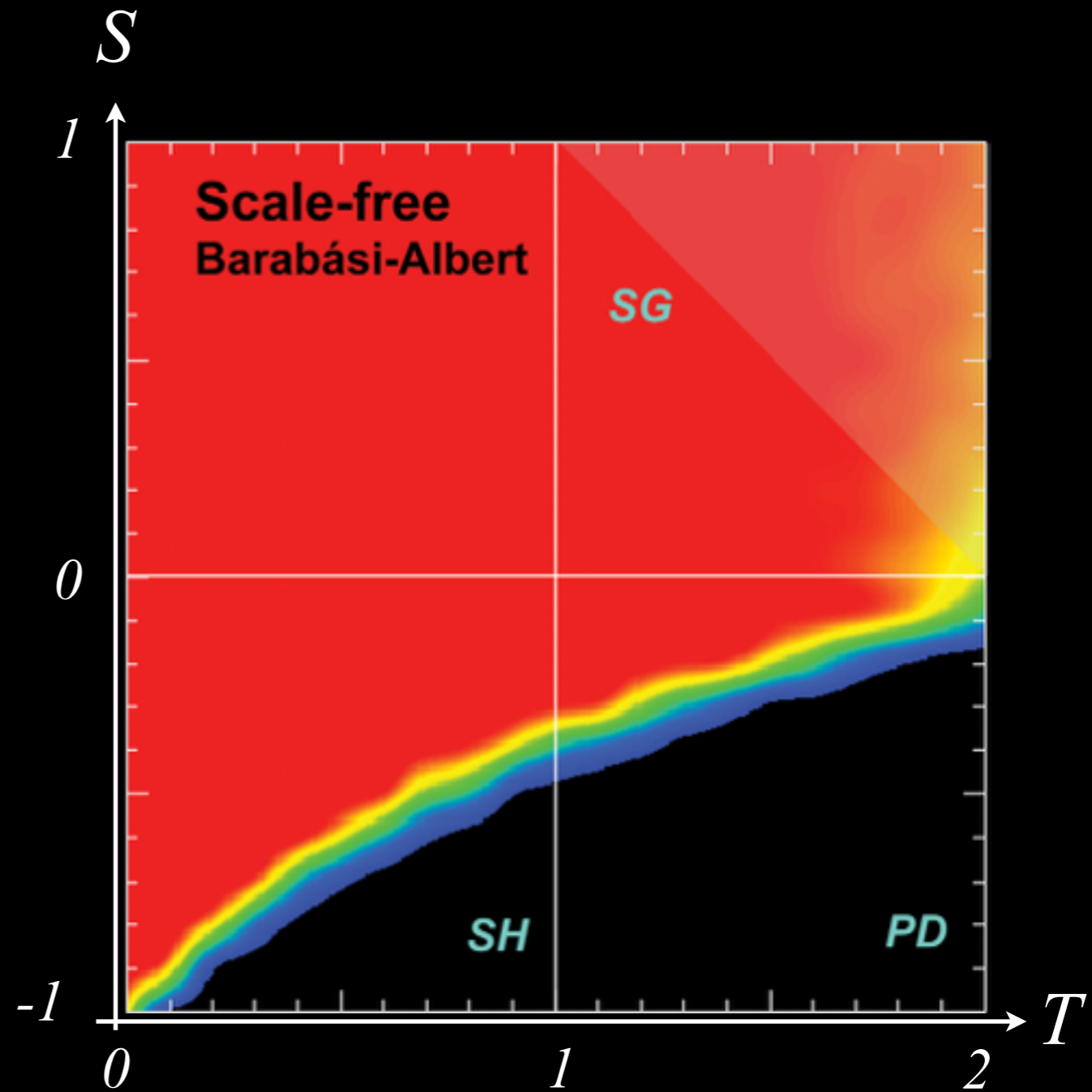
high heterogeneity  
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## Simulation VI

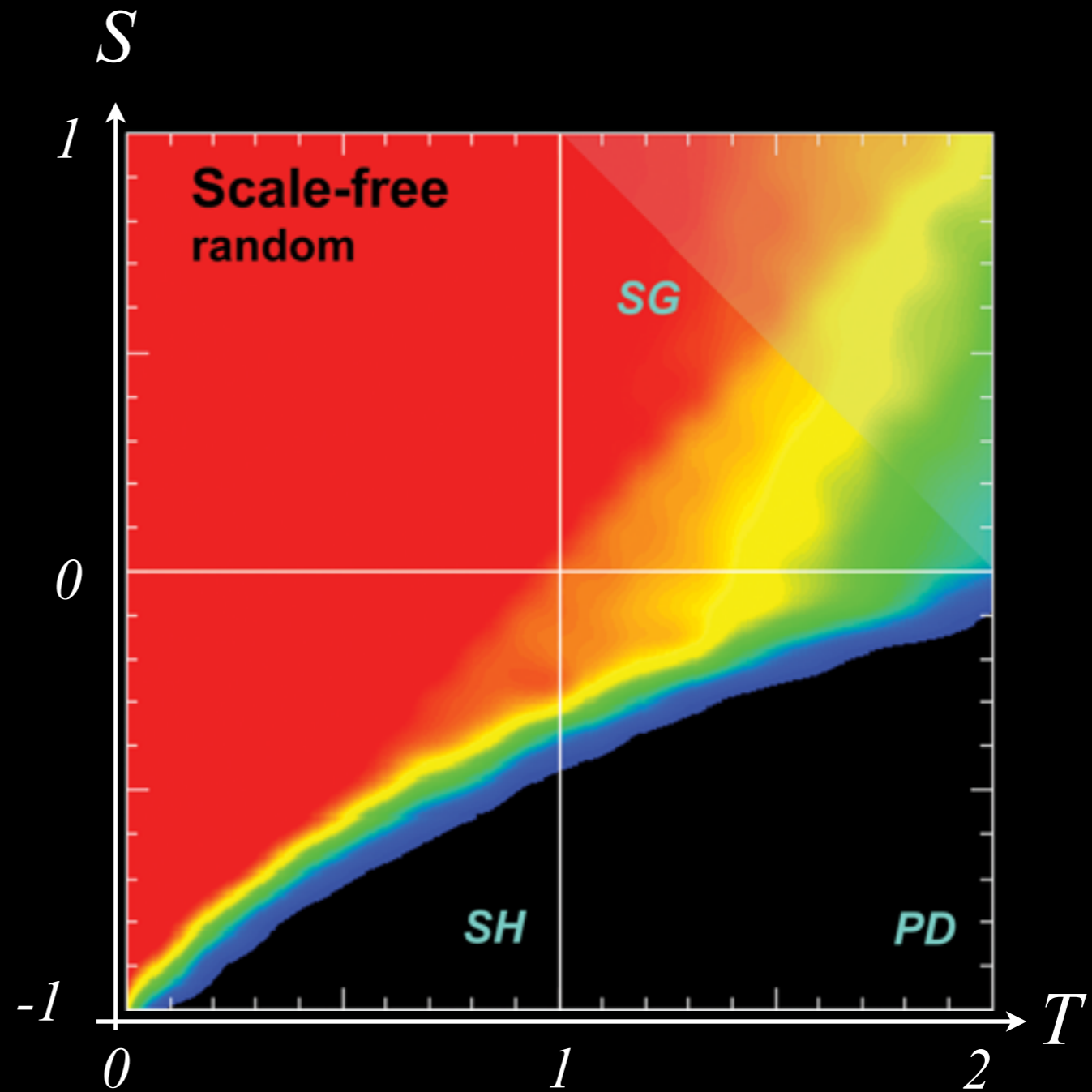
the rich are no longer friends

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

100 runs

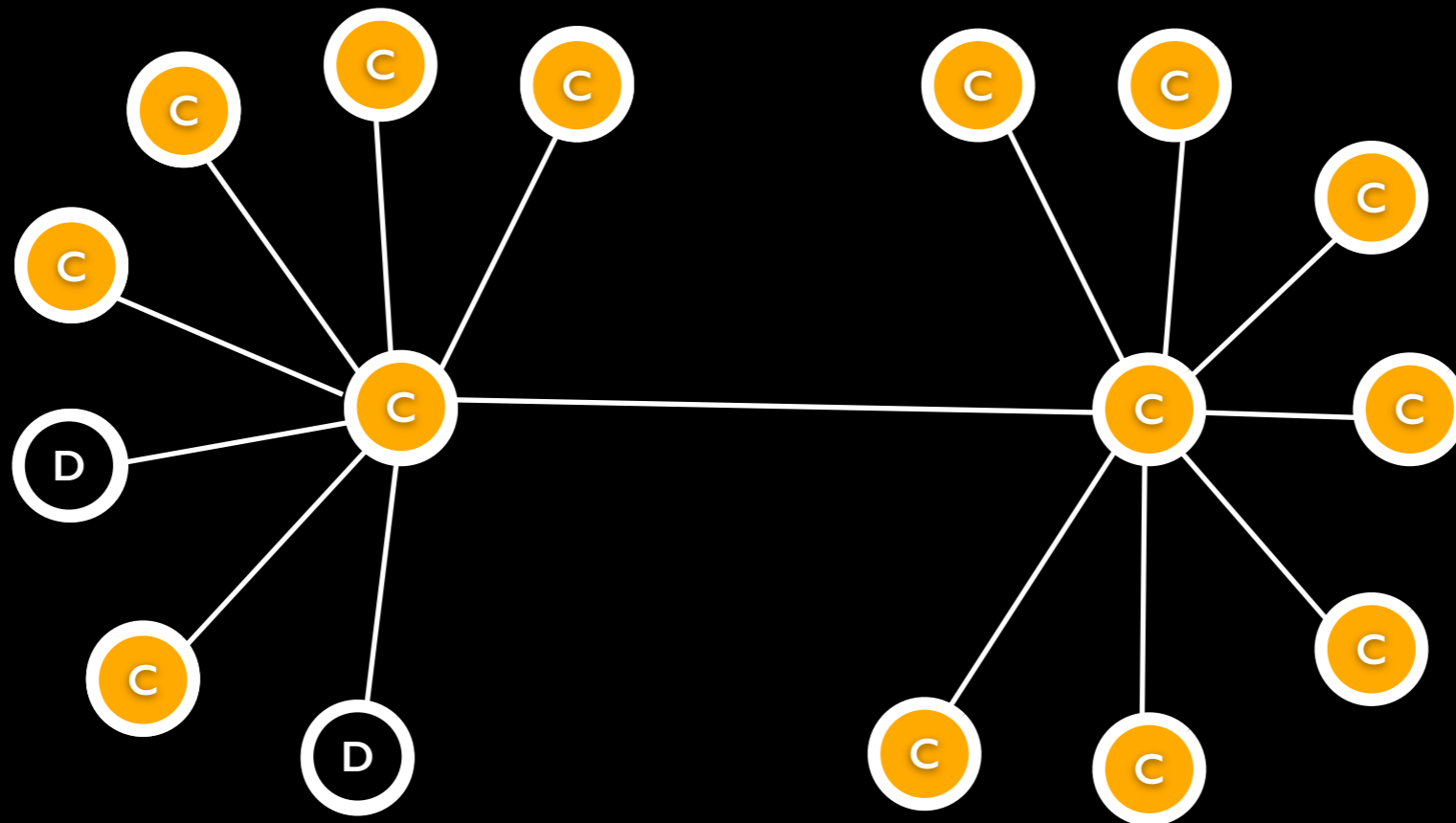
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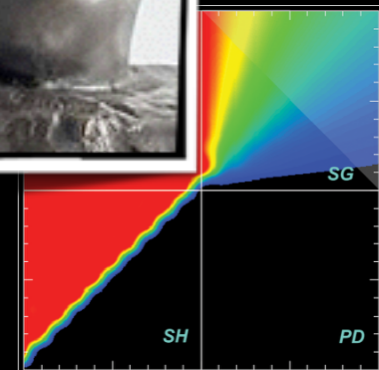
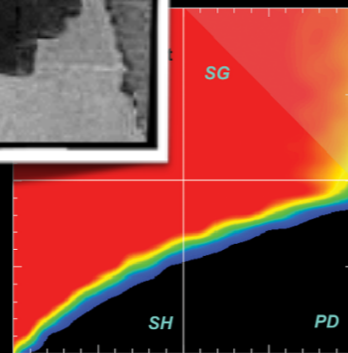
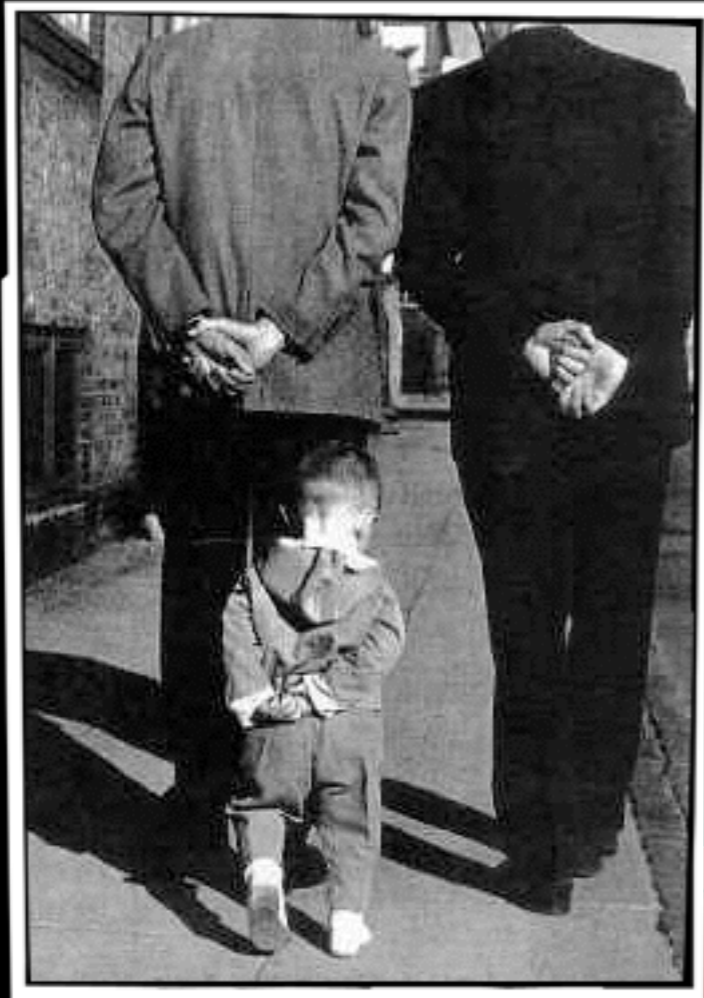


# *intuition*

Defectors are victims of their own success ...



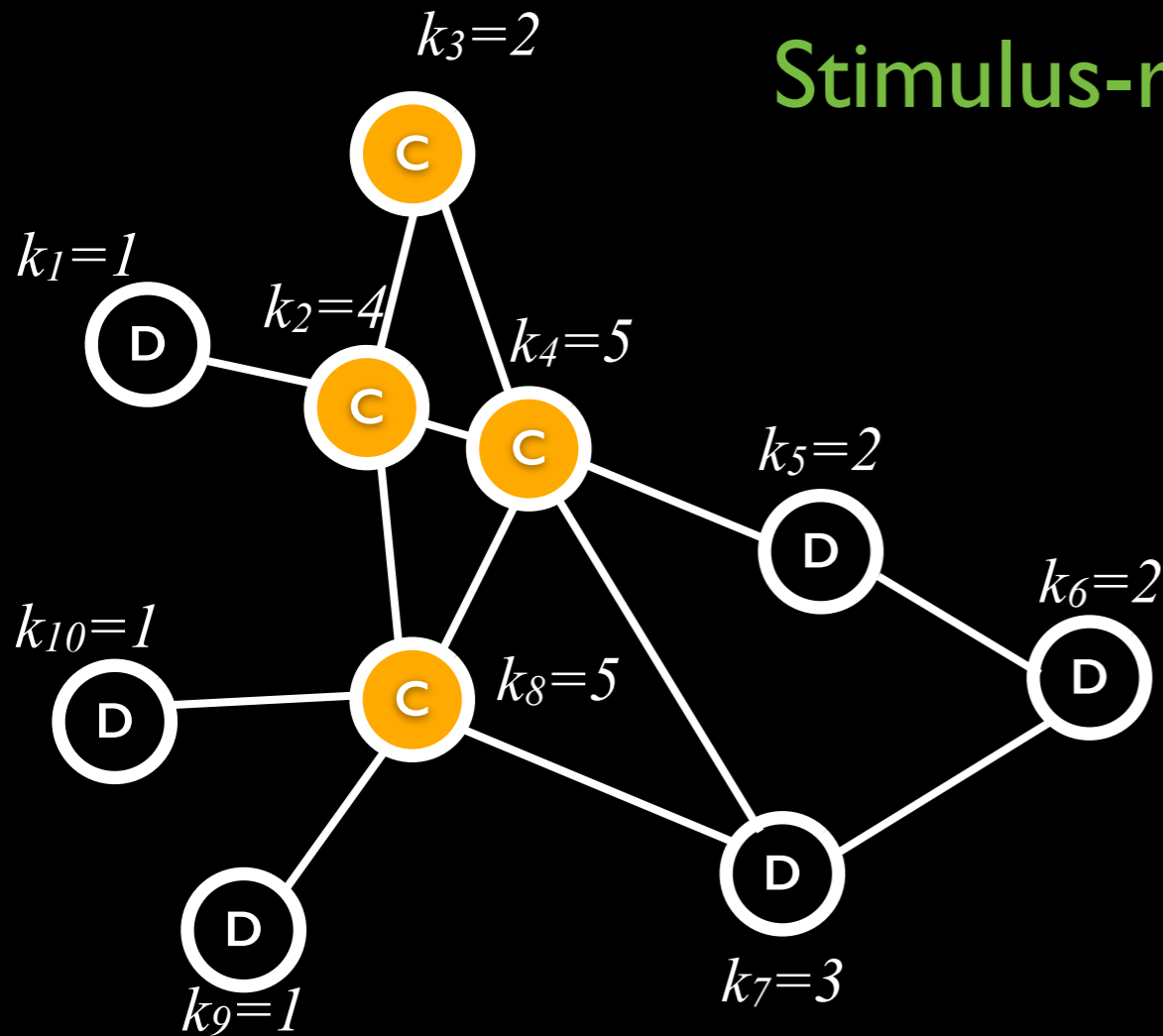
# *social versus individual learning*





# social versus individual learning

## Stimulus-response learning ...



Vertex  $x$  plays **once** with a random neighbor  $y$  and **both receive a payoff**  $f_x$  (and  $f_y$ )

update strategy using the following model  $i \in \{x, y\}$ :

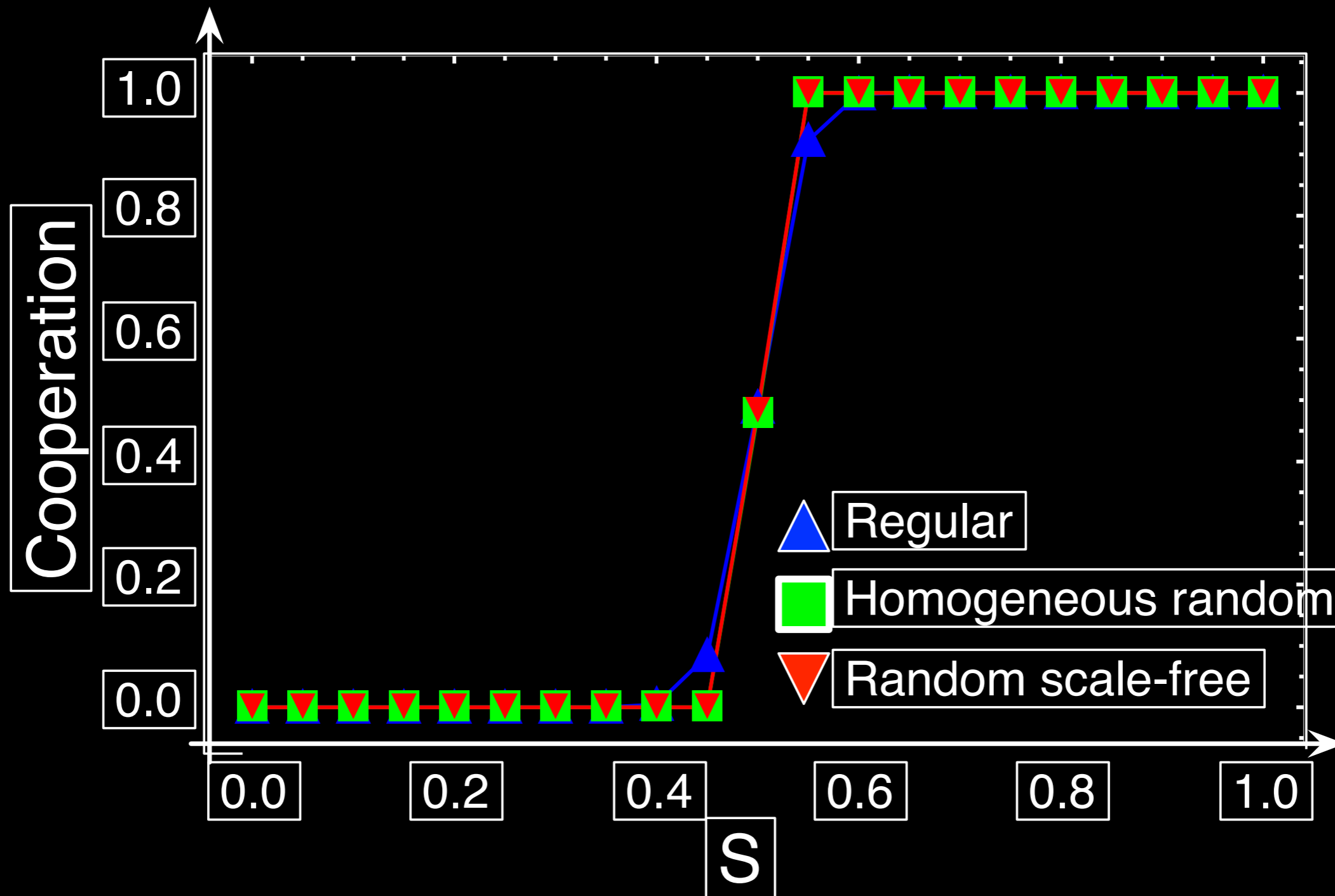
$$p_i(t+1) = p_i(t) + \lambda \beta_i(t) * (1 - p_i(t))$$

when  $i$  played **C** at time  $t$

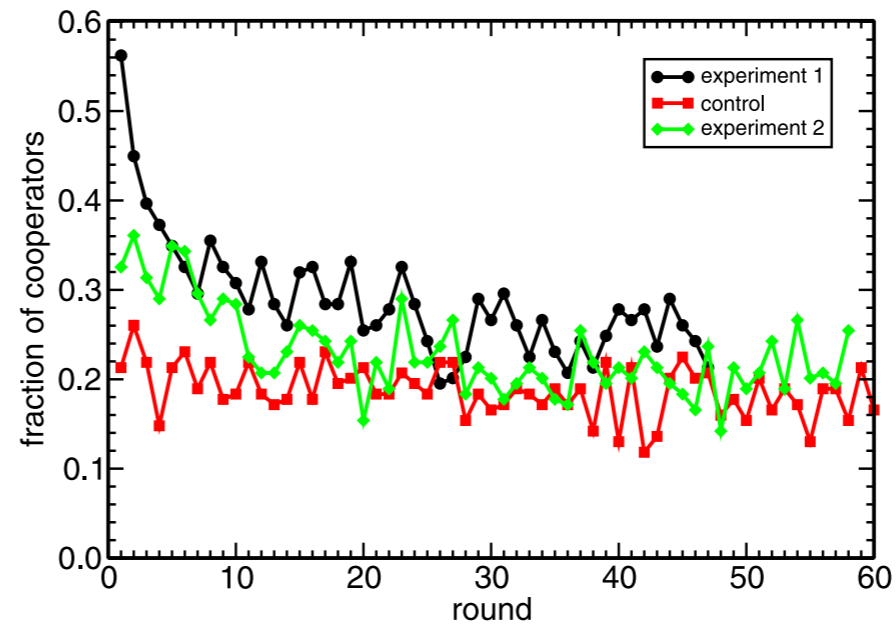
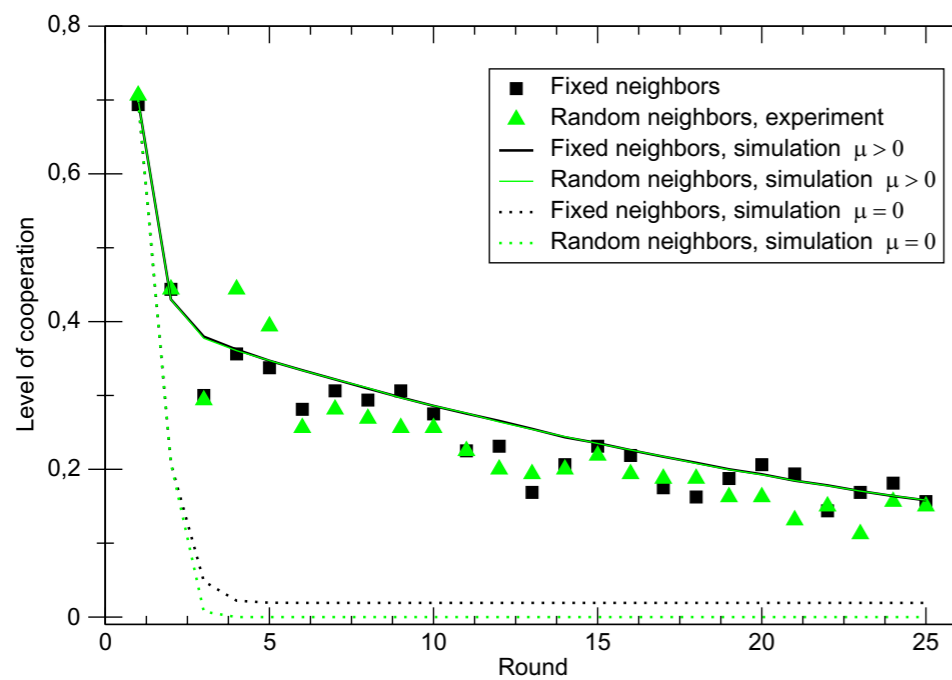
$$p_i(t+1) = p_i(t) - \lambda \beta_i(t) * p_i(t)$$

when  $i$  played **D** at time  $t$

# *social versus individual learning*



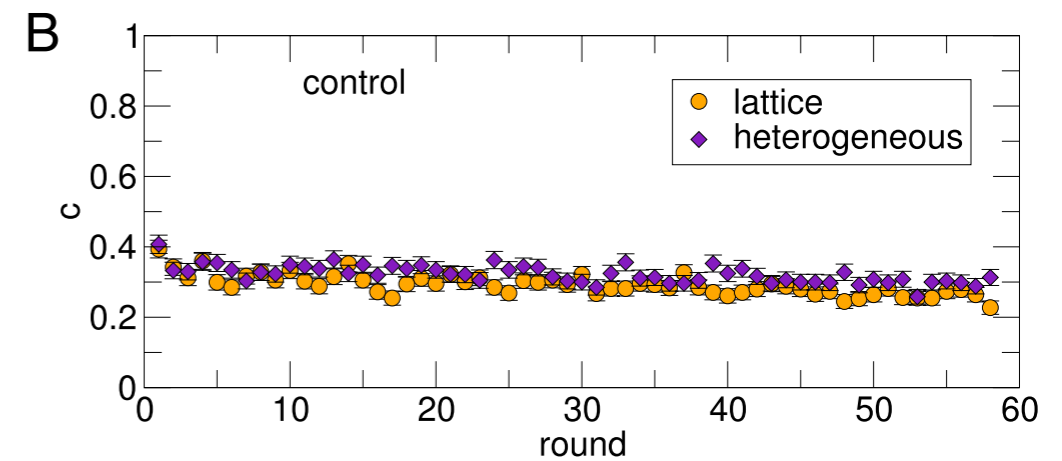
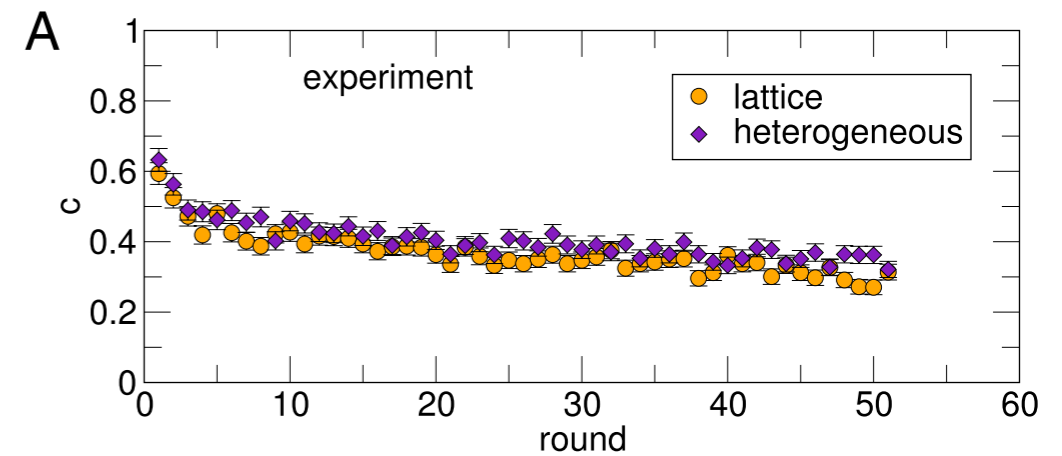
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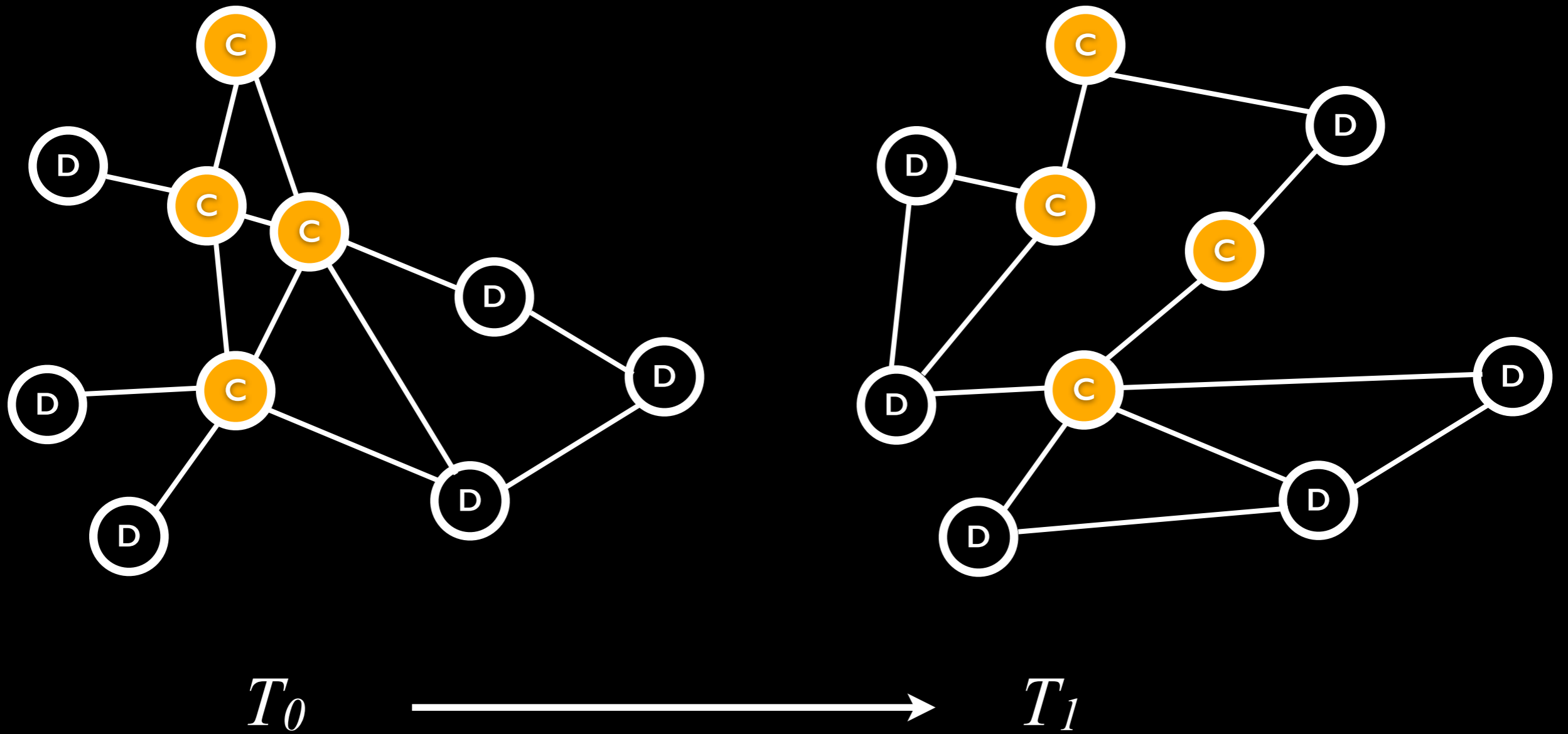
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# Networks are dynamic



# Networks are dynamic

## Agent-based simulations

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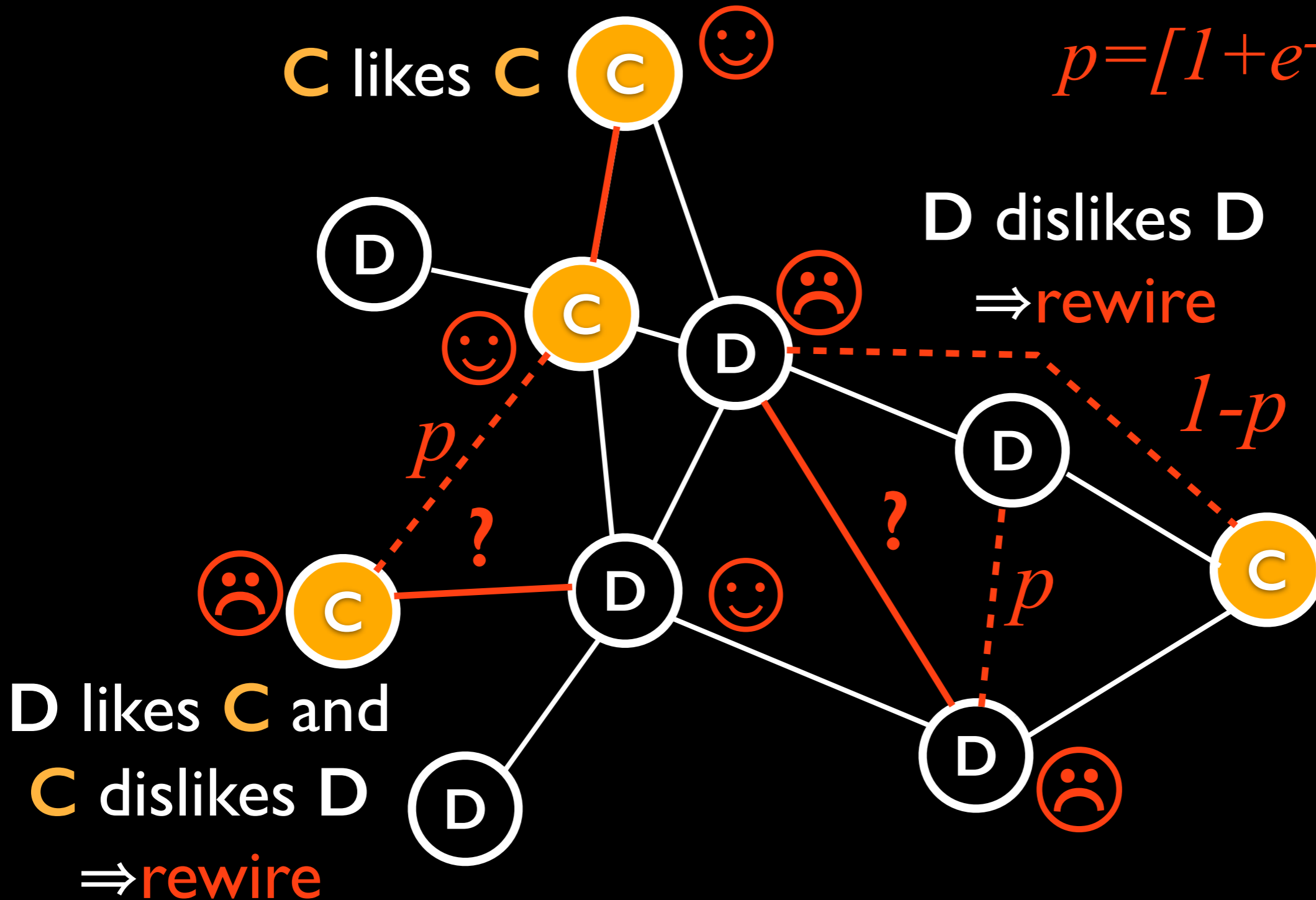
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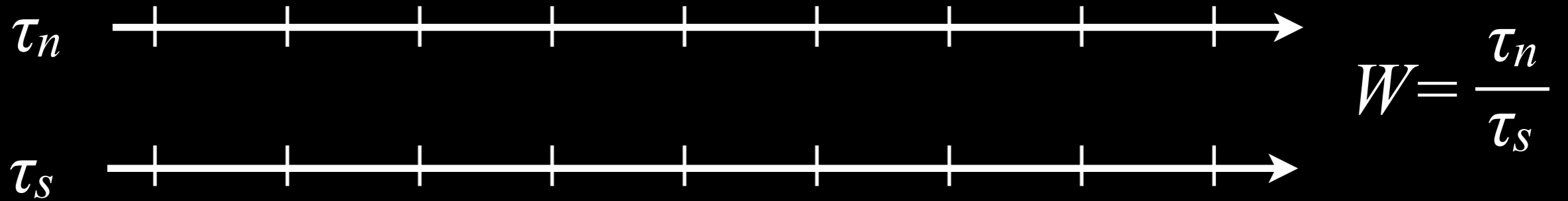
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# rewiring strategy

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

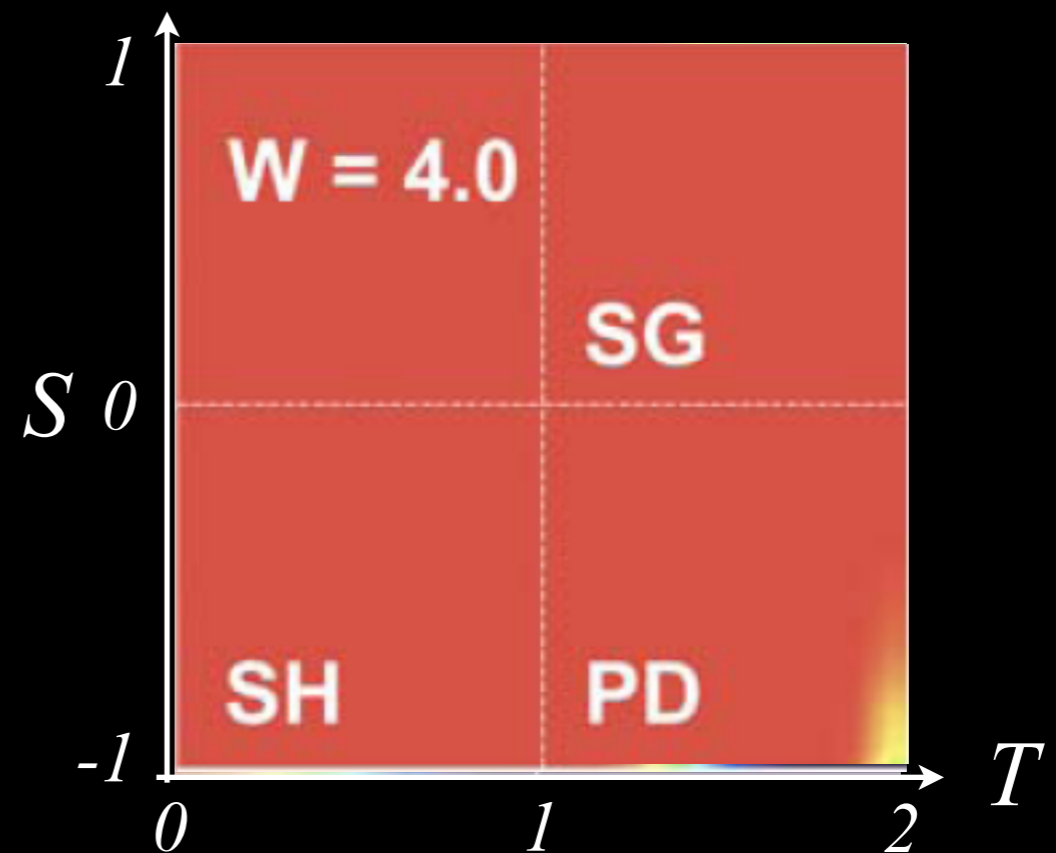


# two timescales



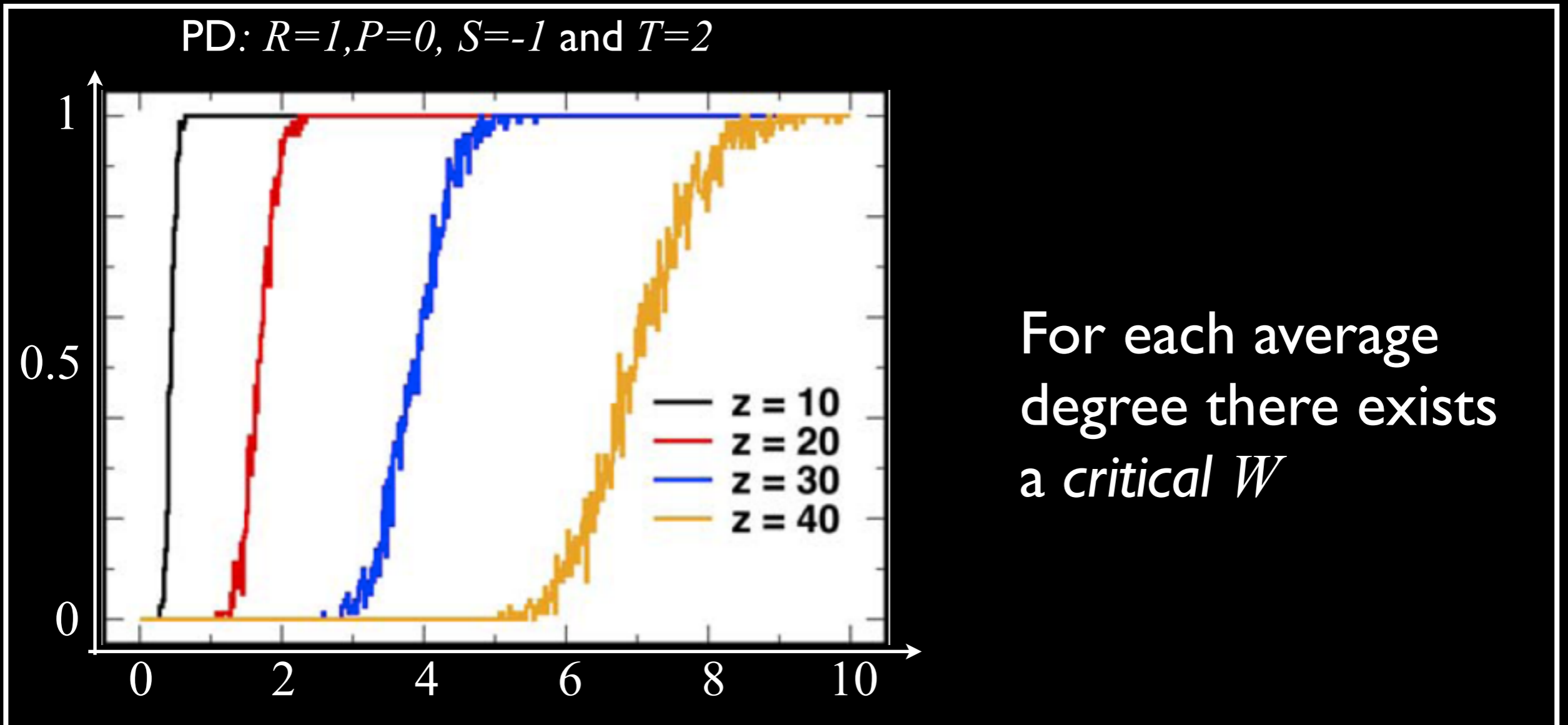
Simulations

$N=10^4$   
 $\langle k \rangle = 30$   
 $\beta = 0.005$   
50% **C**, 50% **D**  
 $P=R-1$   $P=0$



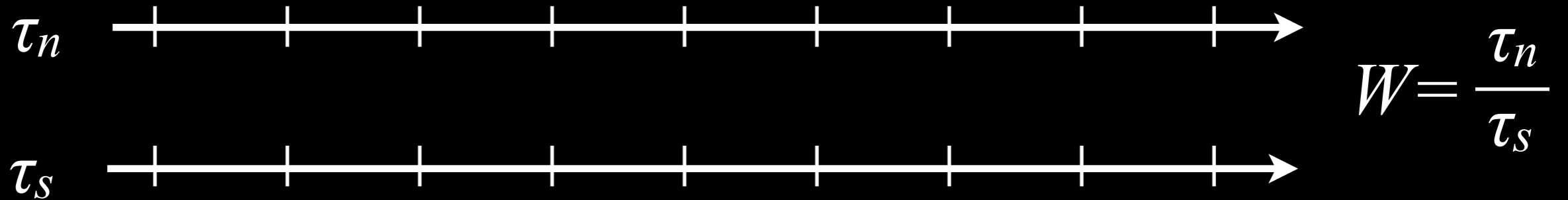
# Fast linking promotes $\mathcal{C}$

## Simulation





# Effects on topology



Simulations

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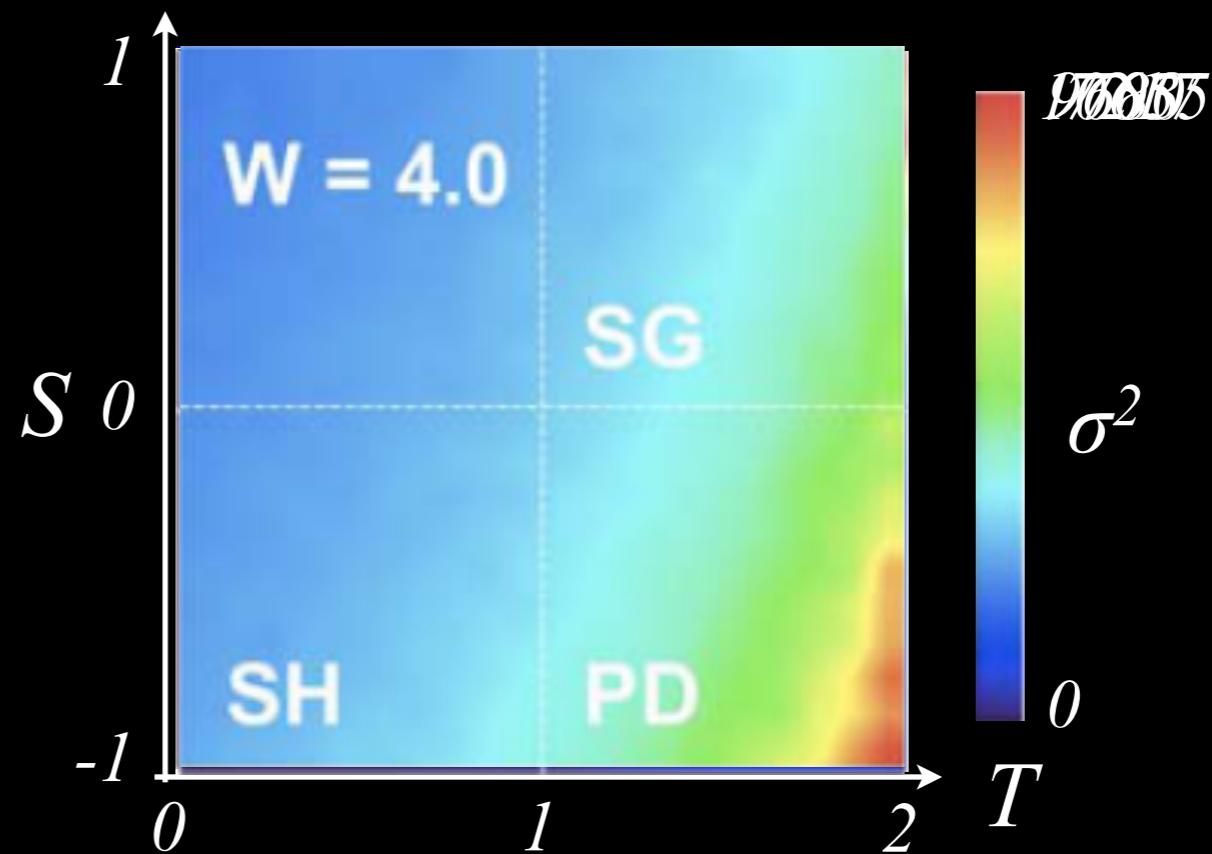
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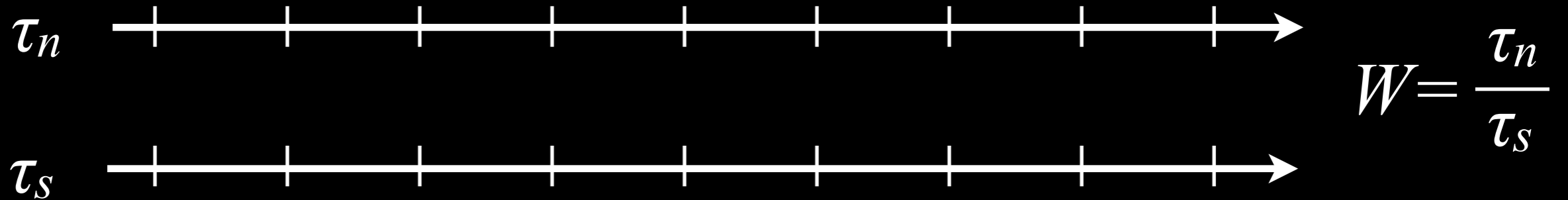
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# Effects on topology



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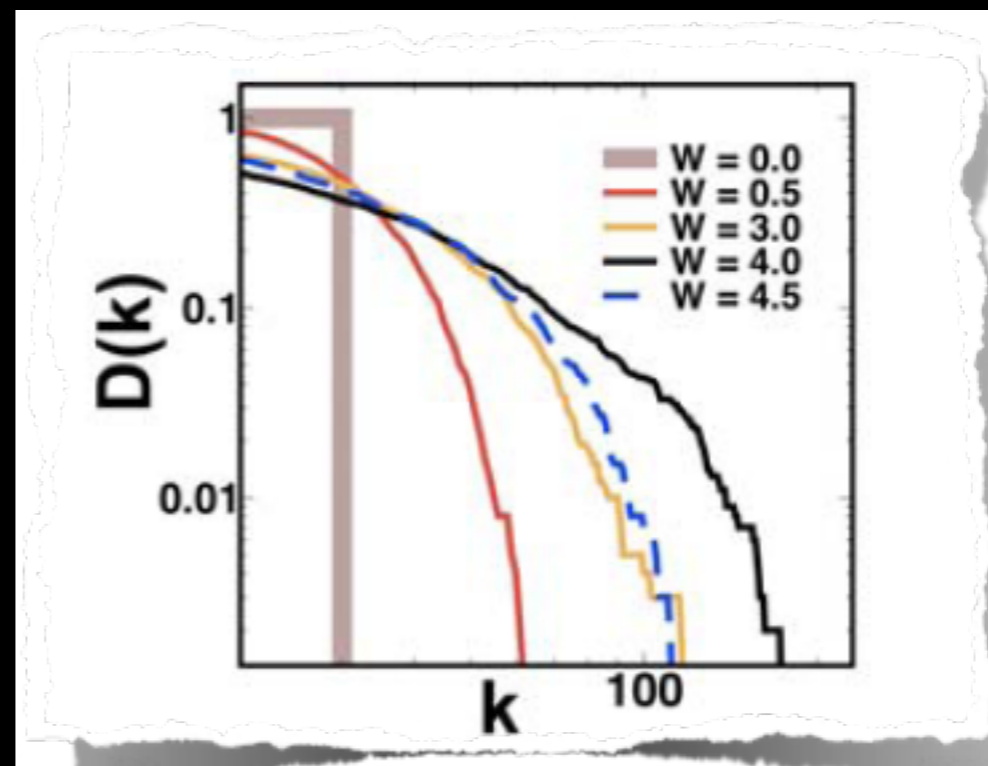
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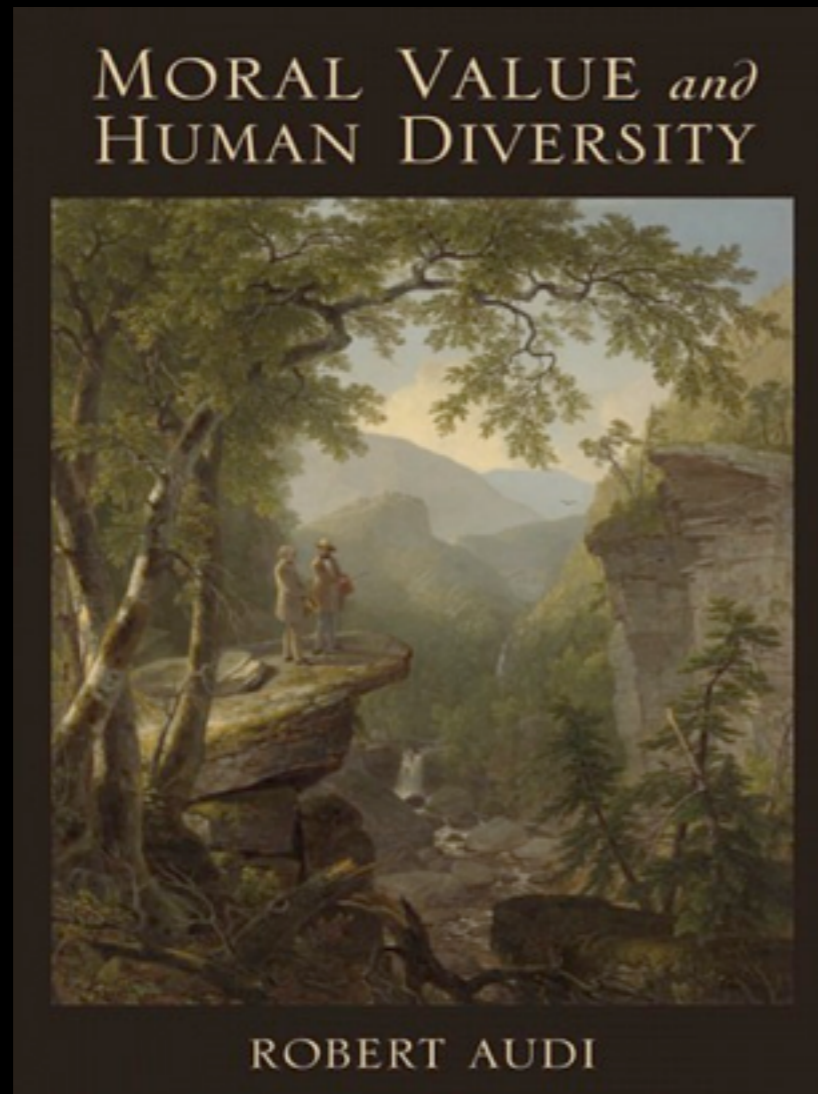
50% **C**, 50% **D**

$$T=2, R=1,$$

$$P=0, S=1$$

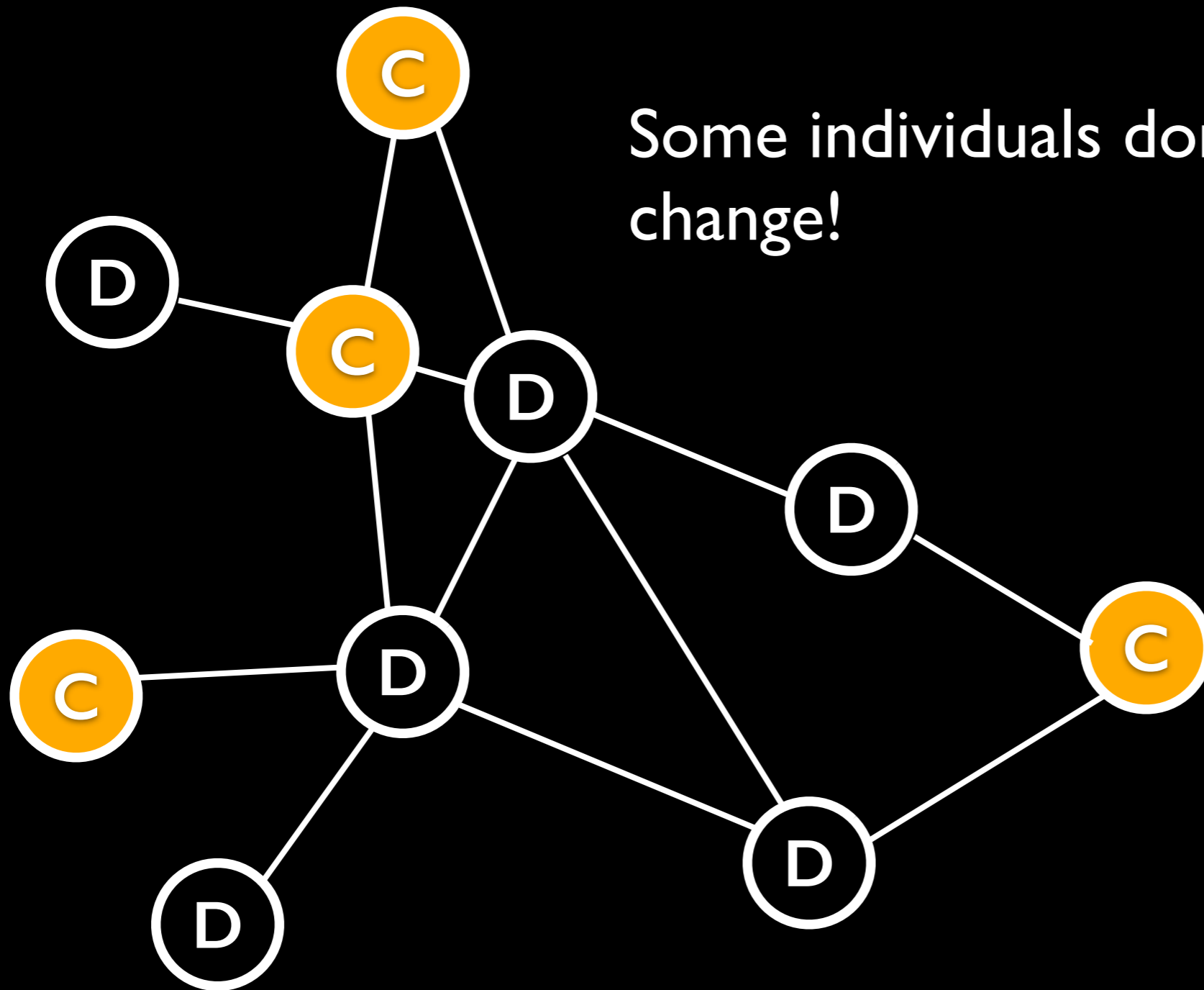


# Everyone reacts differently



# Evolution of rewiring

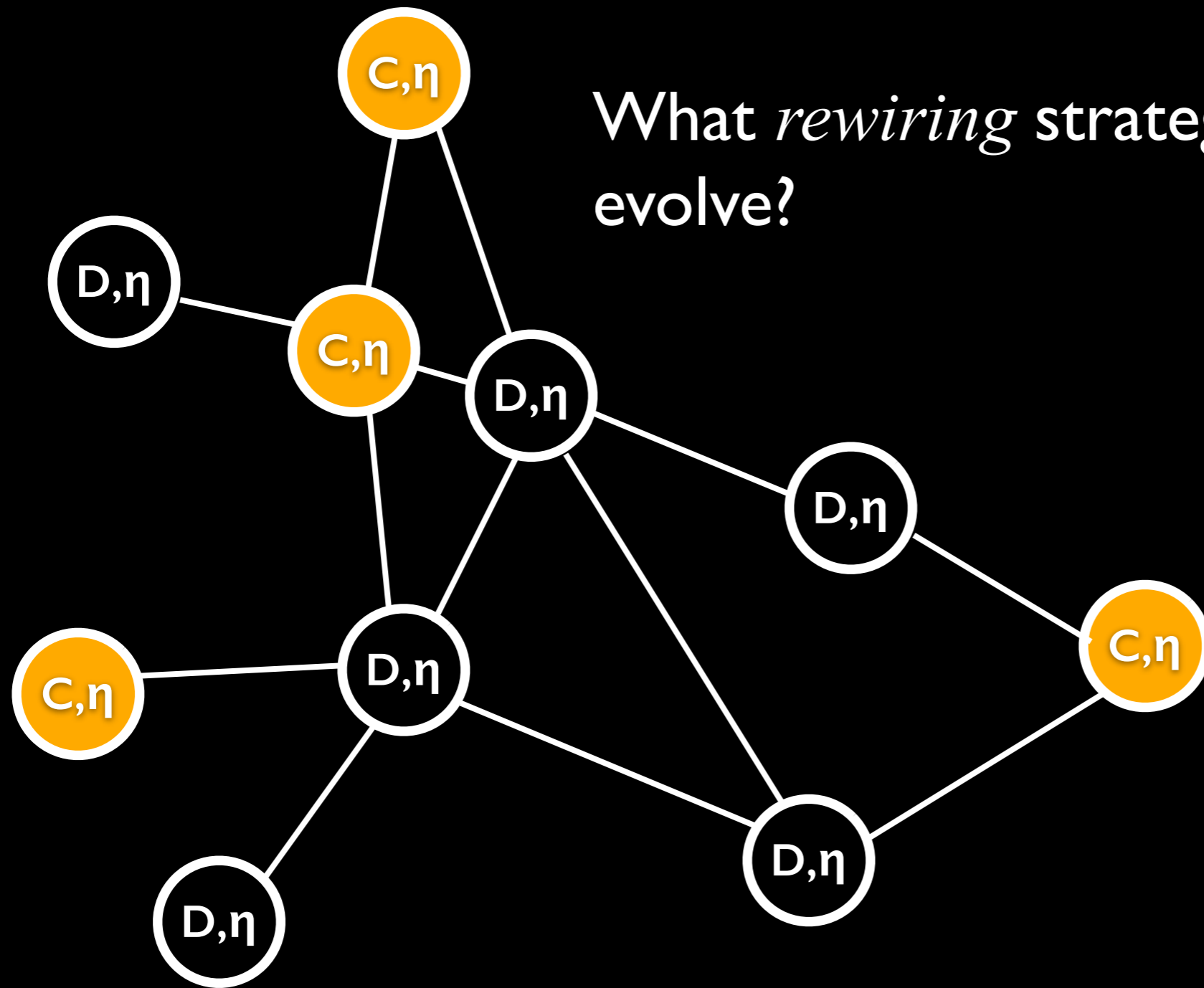
Some individuals don't like change!



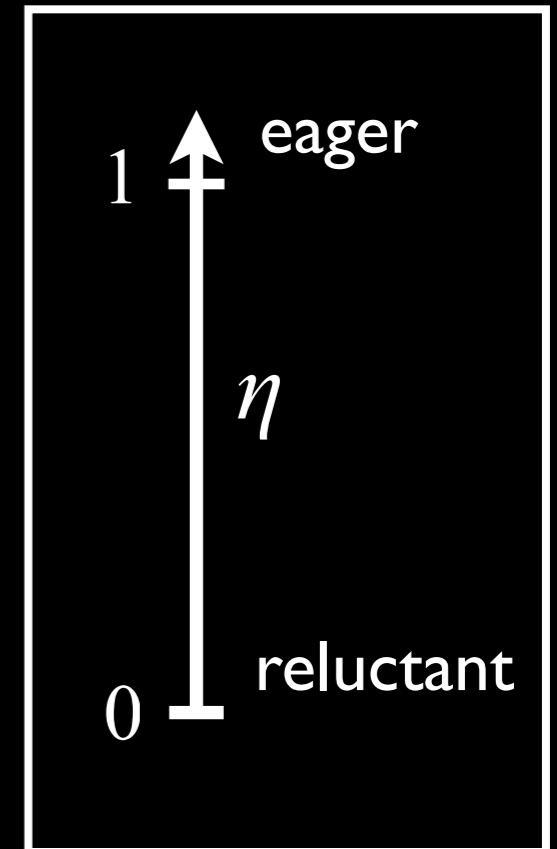
Change introduces uncertainty!



# Evolution of rewiring

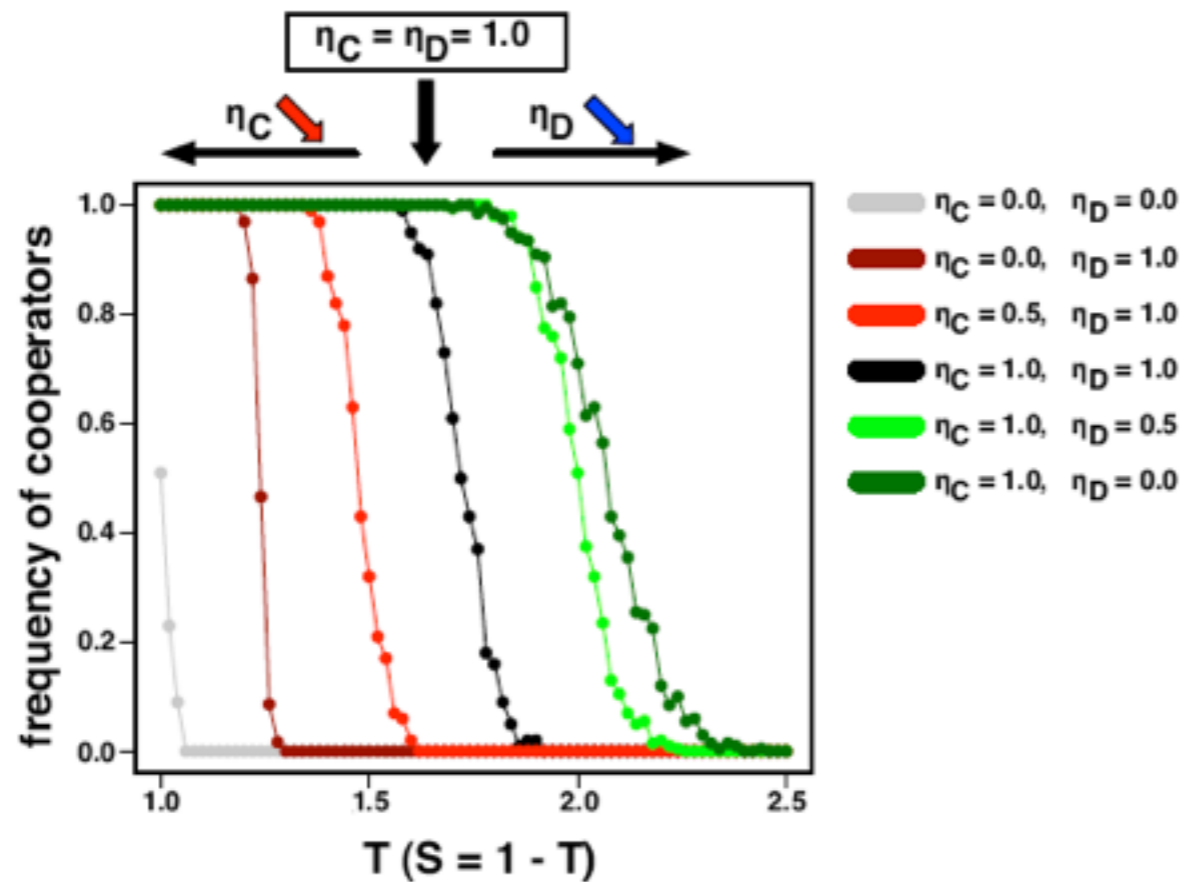


What *rewiring* strategy will evolve?



# Fast versus slow

## Simulation I



Assume fixed  $\eta$  for  
**C** and **D**

PD game

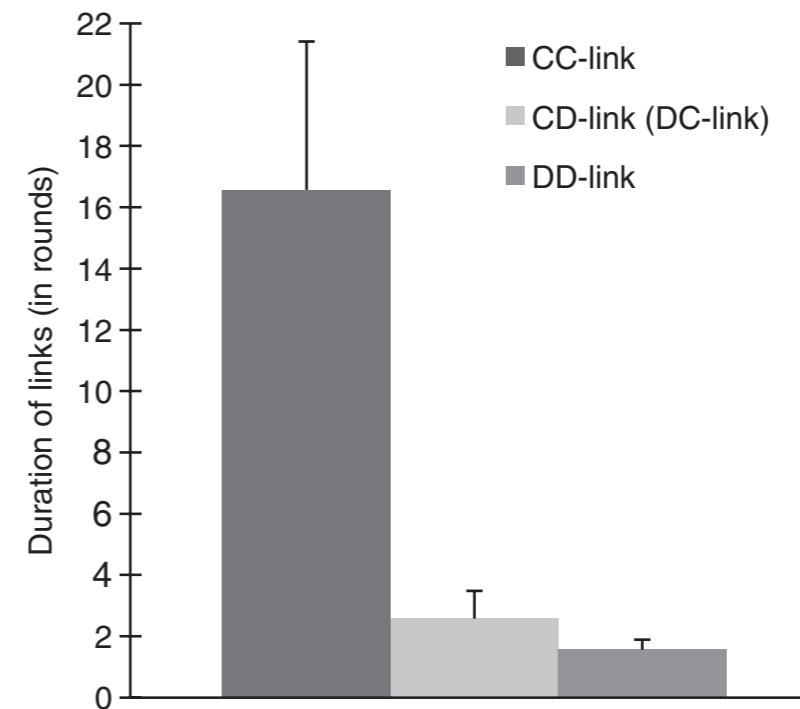
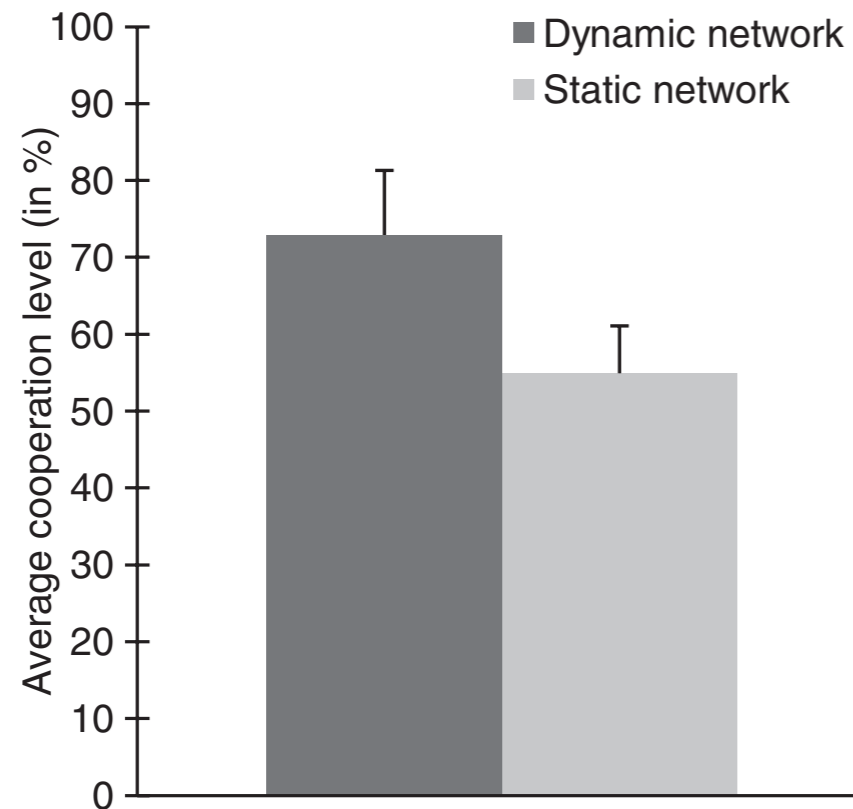
$$N=10^3 \quad z=30$$

100 runs

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

$$W=2.5 \quad \beta=0.005$$

# Recent experiments



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# Summary

Heterogeneity

