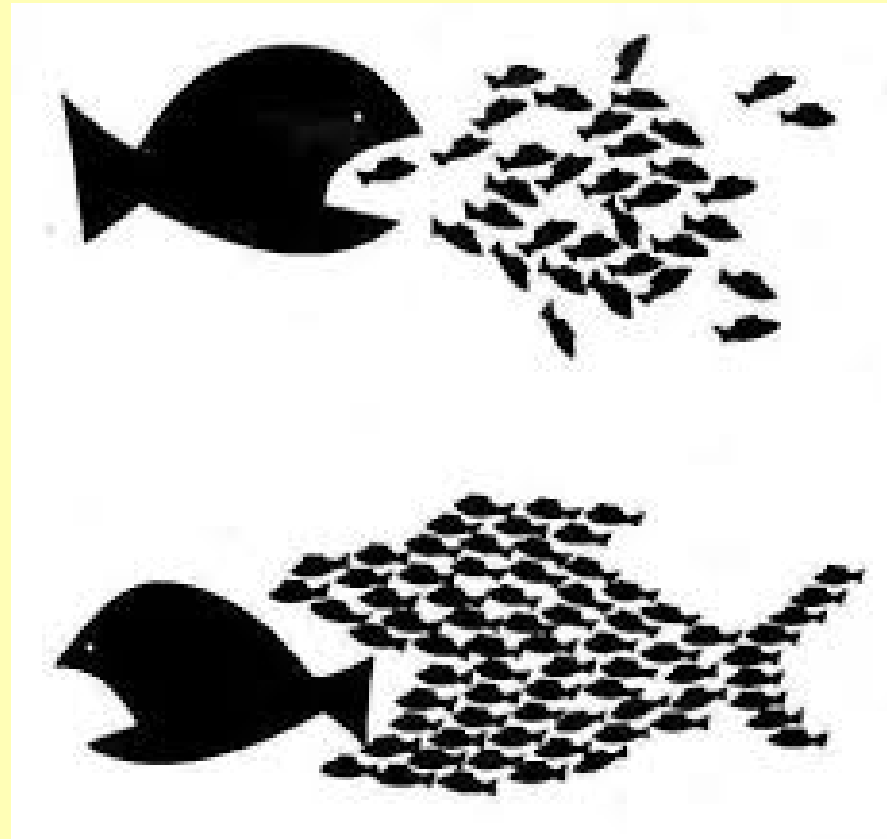


Dealing with public goods and common-pool resources in marine ecosystems

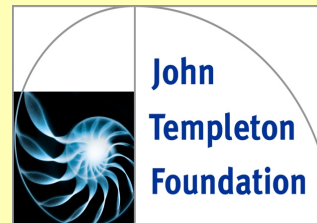


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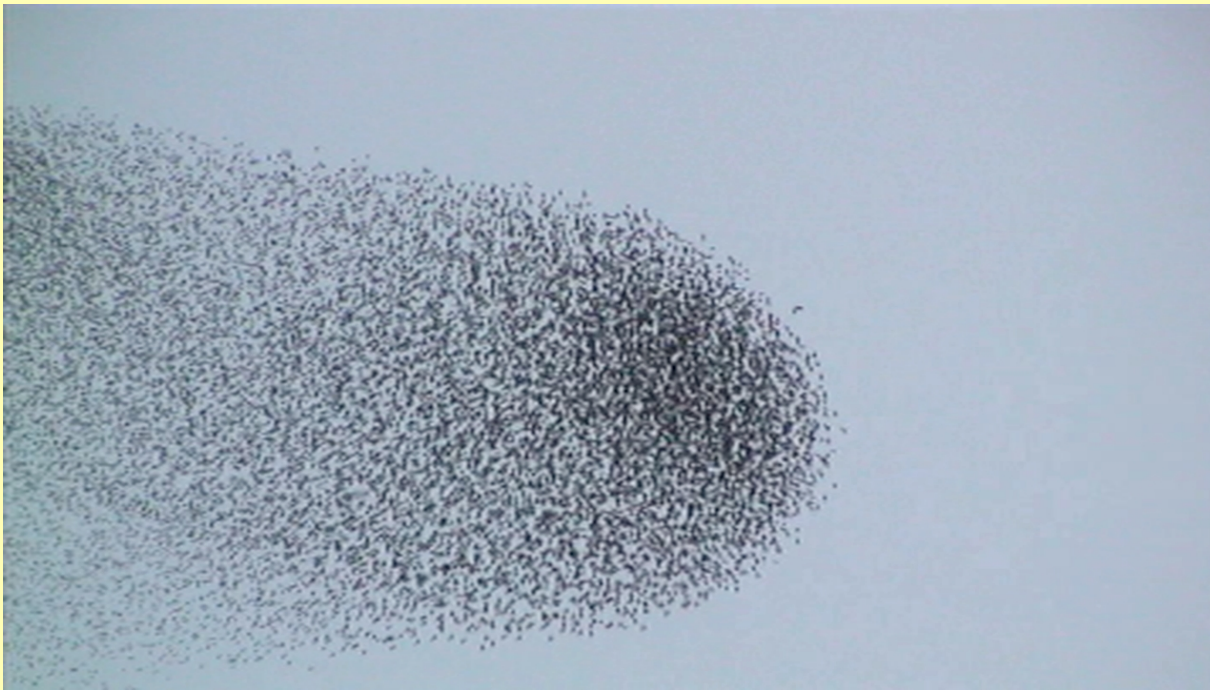
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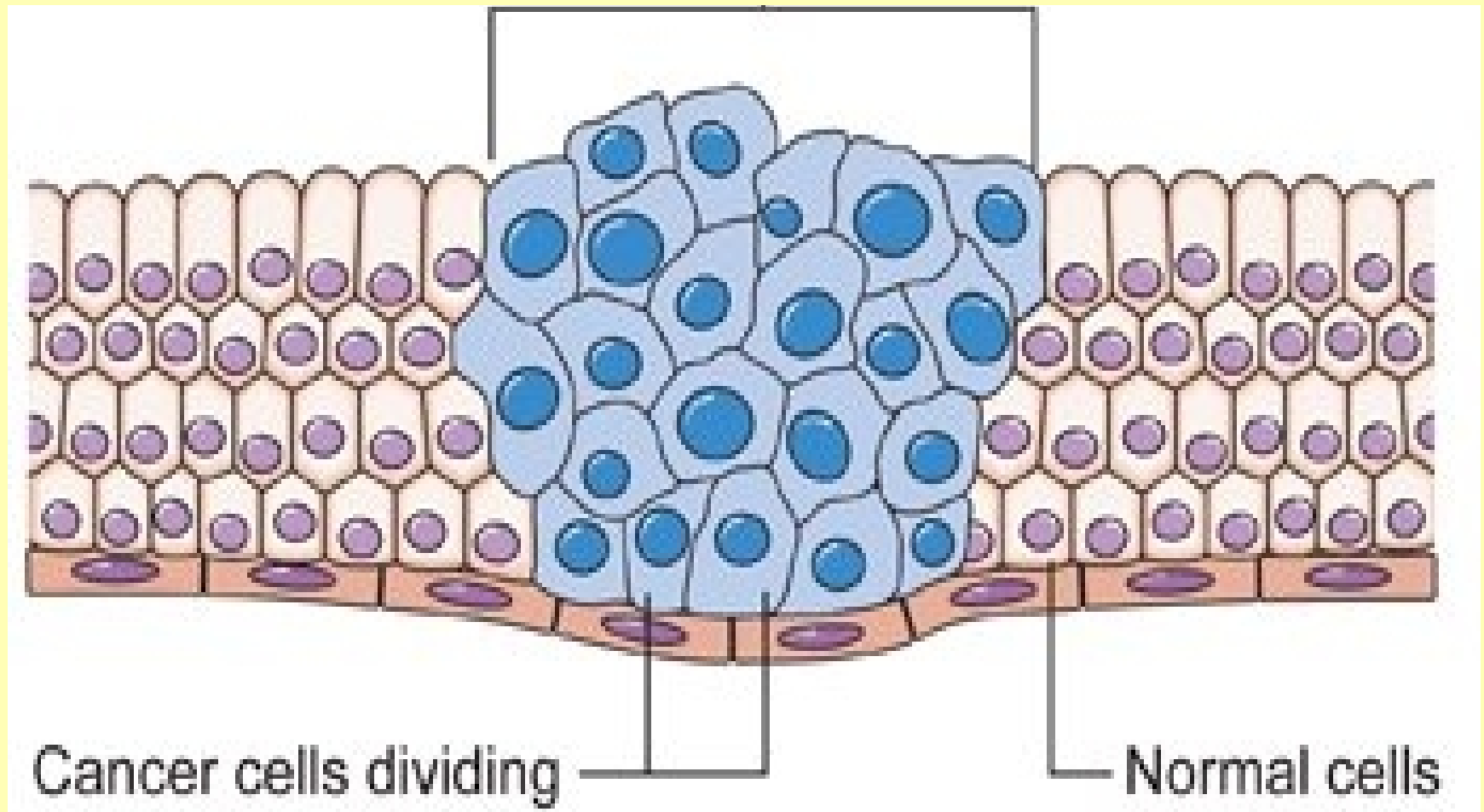
From microbial systems to socioeconomic systems,
macroscopic patterns *emerge* from microscopic interactions



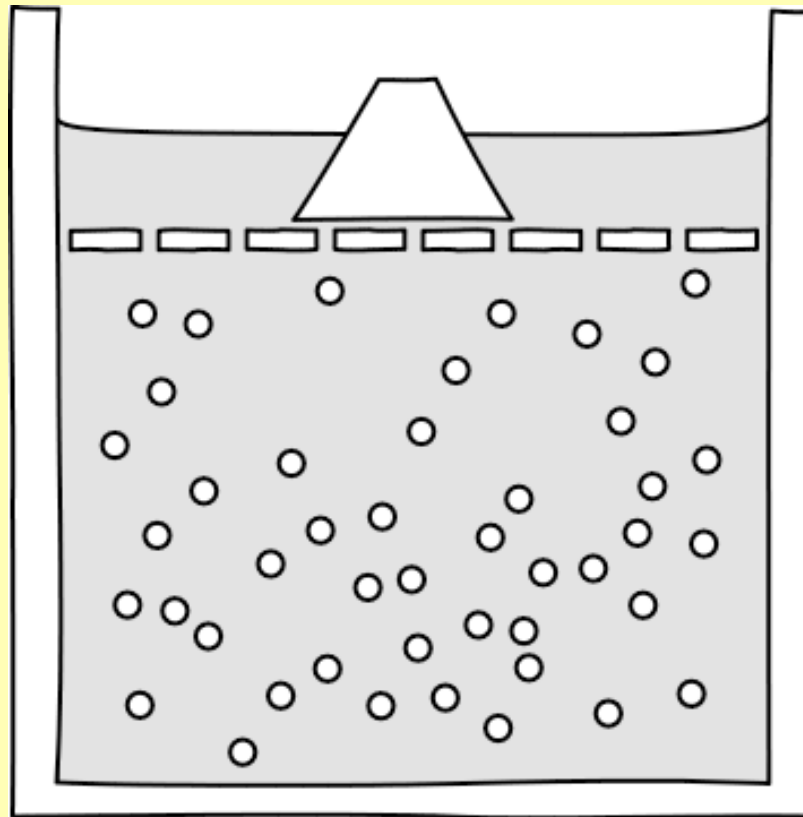
Just as collective actions arise from individual behaviors in human societies



This inescapably leads to conflicts between levels



And to the need for scaling,
from individuals to ensembles



Lecture outline

- Conflict and public goods
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- Managing complex adaptive systems

Public goods problems are widespread in socio-economic and biological contexts



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Carole Levin

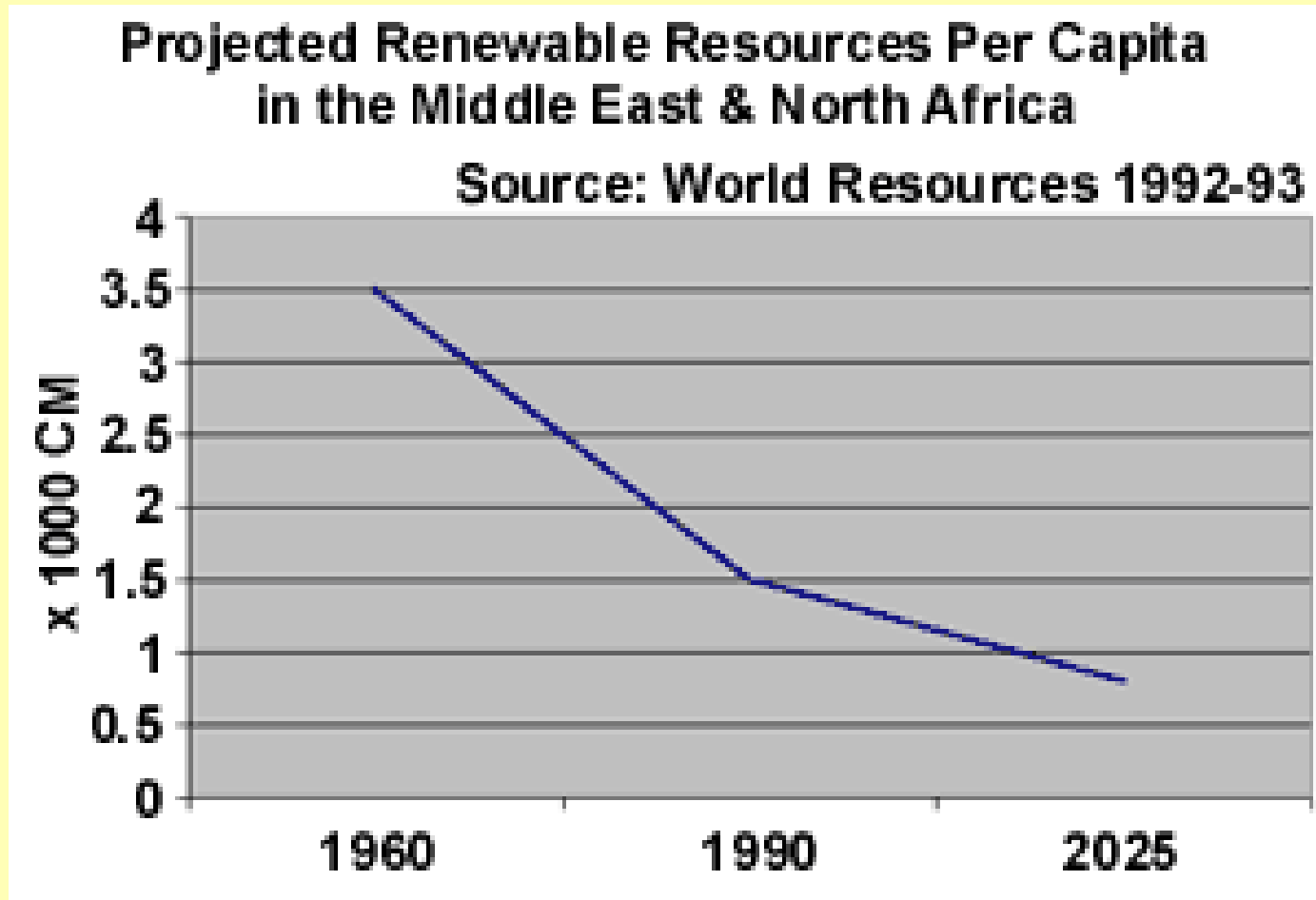
This distinguishes them technically from
common-pool resources



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Traditional_fishery.JPG#file

- But for this lecture, I will lump them together

Problems of public goods and common pool resources are central to the future of humanity



Yet we are eroding our public goods



<http://www.marketplace.org/topics/sustainability/what-would-your-city-look-beijings-air-smog-simulator>

We discount

- The future



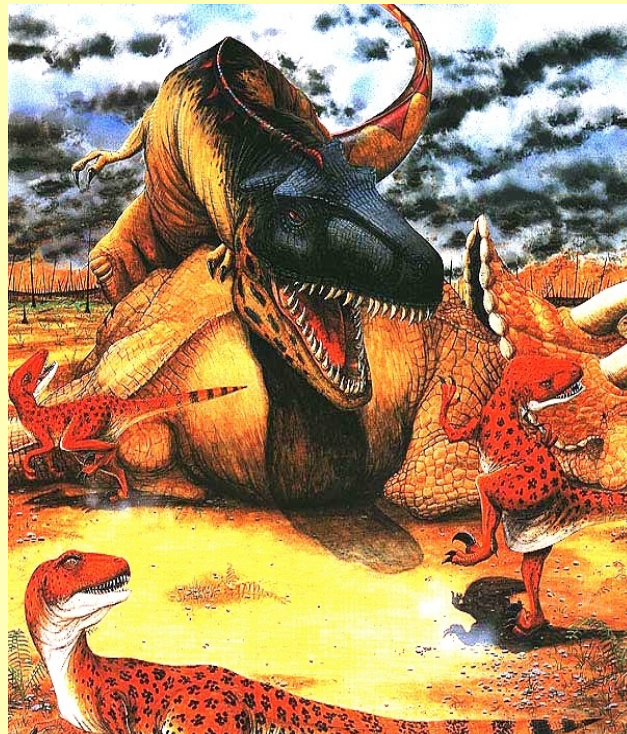
We discount

- The future
- The interests of others



Moreover, we live in a global commons, in which

- Individual agents act largely in their own self-interest

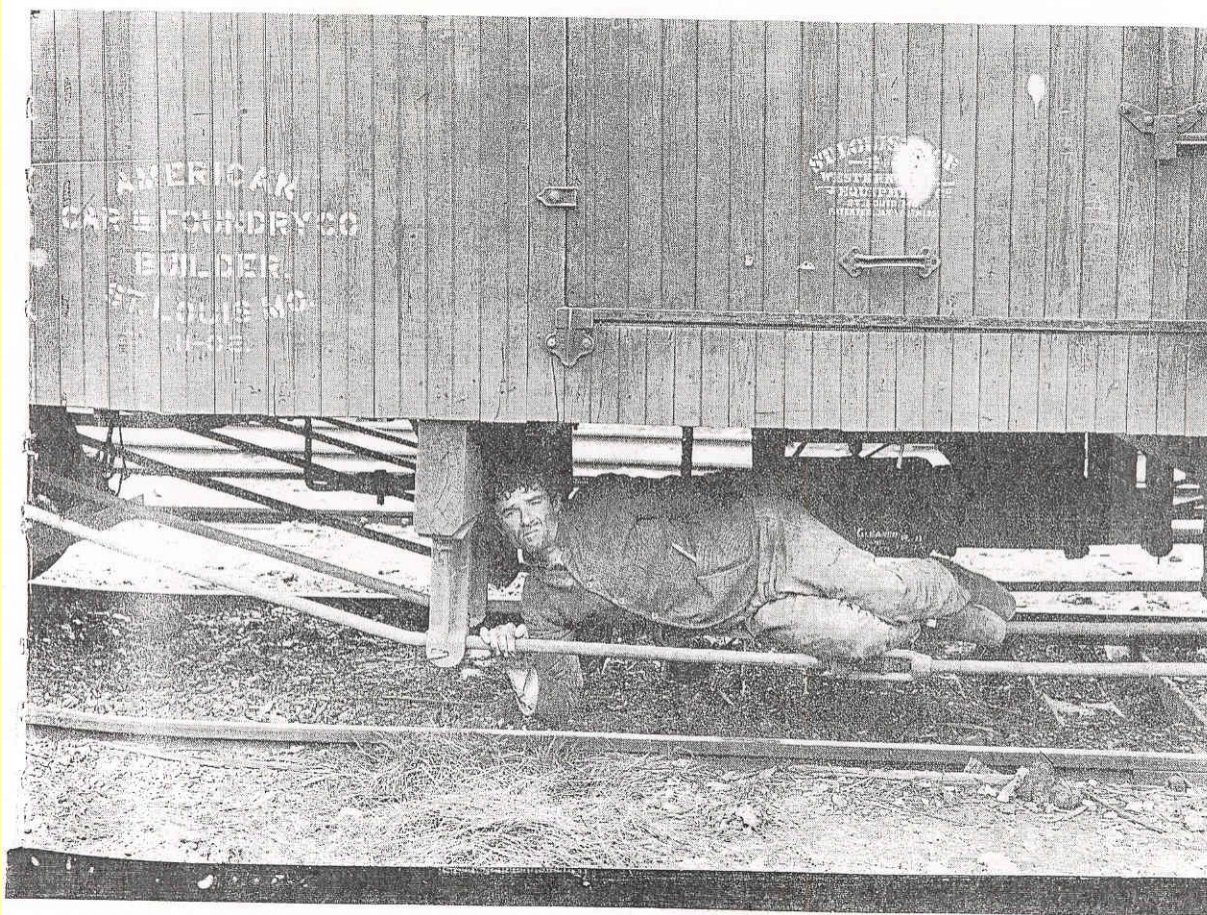


Moreover, we live in a global commons, in which

- Individual agents act largely in their own self-interest
- Social costs are not adequately accounted for



The problem: Free-riders



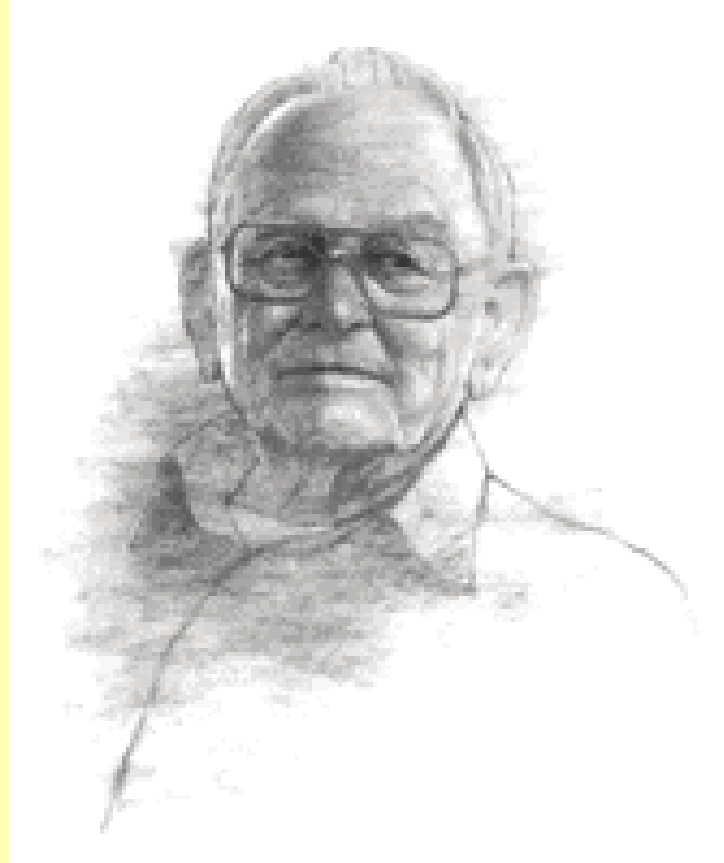
Overuse of the Commons



William Forster Lloyd (1832)

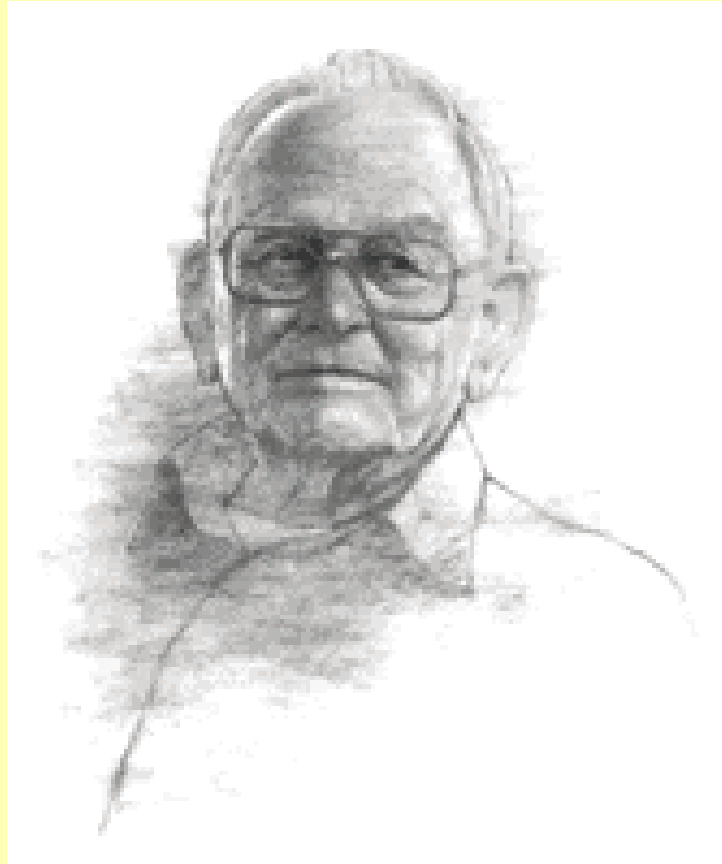
Aelbert_Cuyp

The tragedy of the (unregulated) Commons



Garrett Hardin

The solution (Hardin)



“Mutual coercion, mutually agreed upon”

The maintenance of cooperation in small societies depends on shared and mutually agreed-upon norms



Lin Ostrom

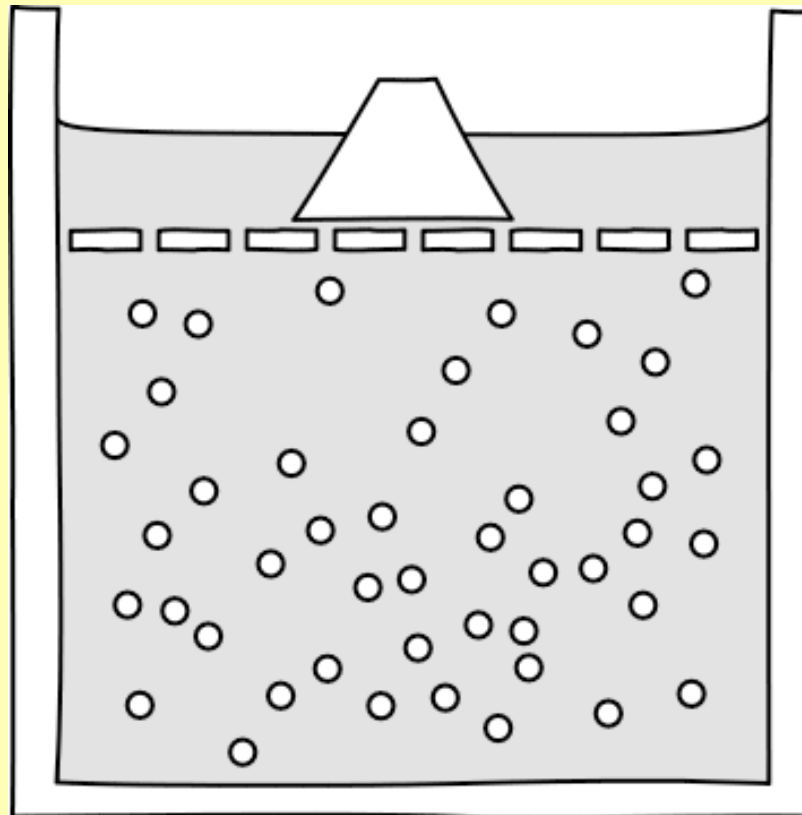
Solutions to the commons problem requires interfacing individual incentives with systemic outcomes



<http://www.philosophyofmoney.net/interdependence/>

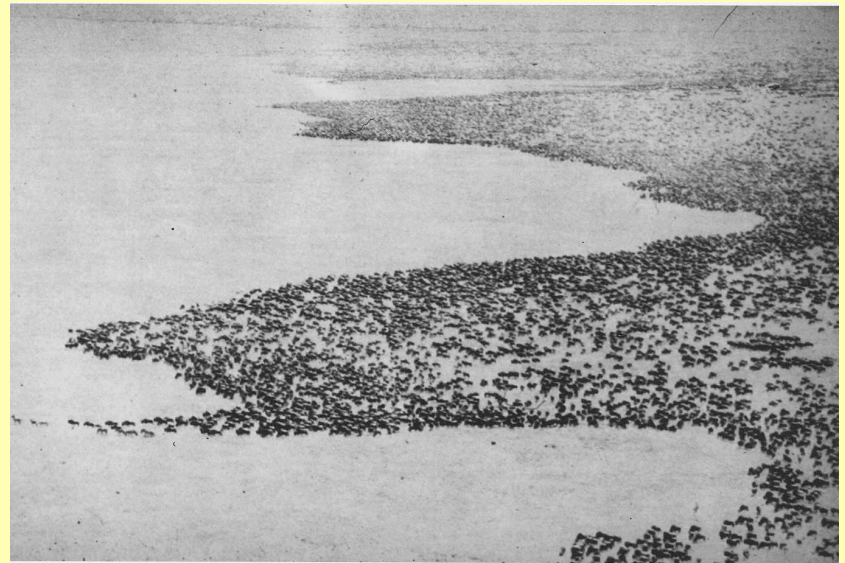
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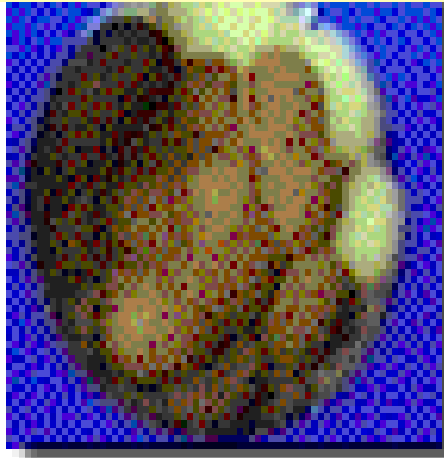
Problems of pattern formation exist for a wide range of organisms

- Bacteria
- Slime molds
- Insects
- Krill
- Birds
- Fish
- Ungulates



Aerial photograph of a large wildebeest herd, courtesy A.R.E. Sinclair (plate 3 from A.R.E. Sinclair, *The African Buffalo*).

In development, highly differentiated structures self-organize from initially homogenous ensembles...multiple bifurcations must occur





Alan Turing posited the existence of two interacting chemicals (morphogens) in a homogeneous space

Alan Turing (1912-1954)



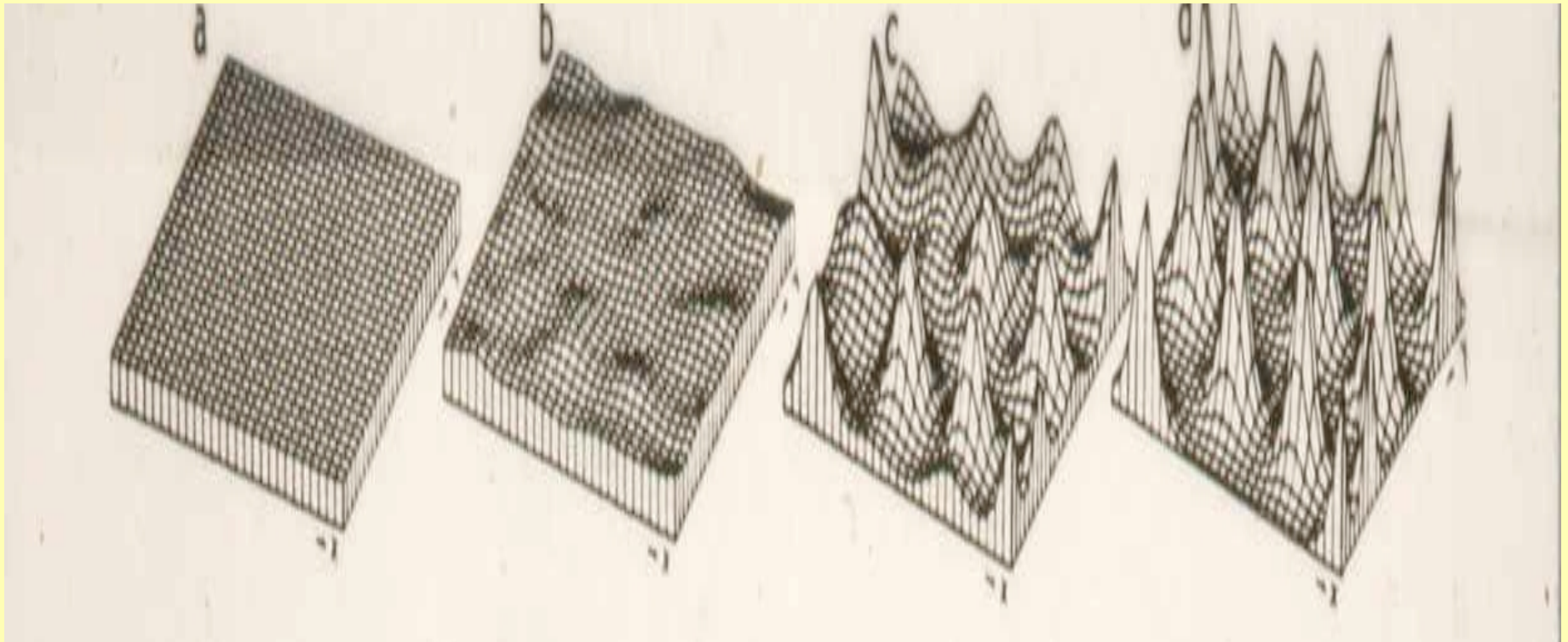
Turing instabilities:

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = F(u, v) + D_u \nabla^2 u$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} = G(u, v) + D_v \nabla^2 v$$

uniform states can become unstable if D_v/D_u is above some threshold.

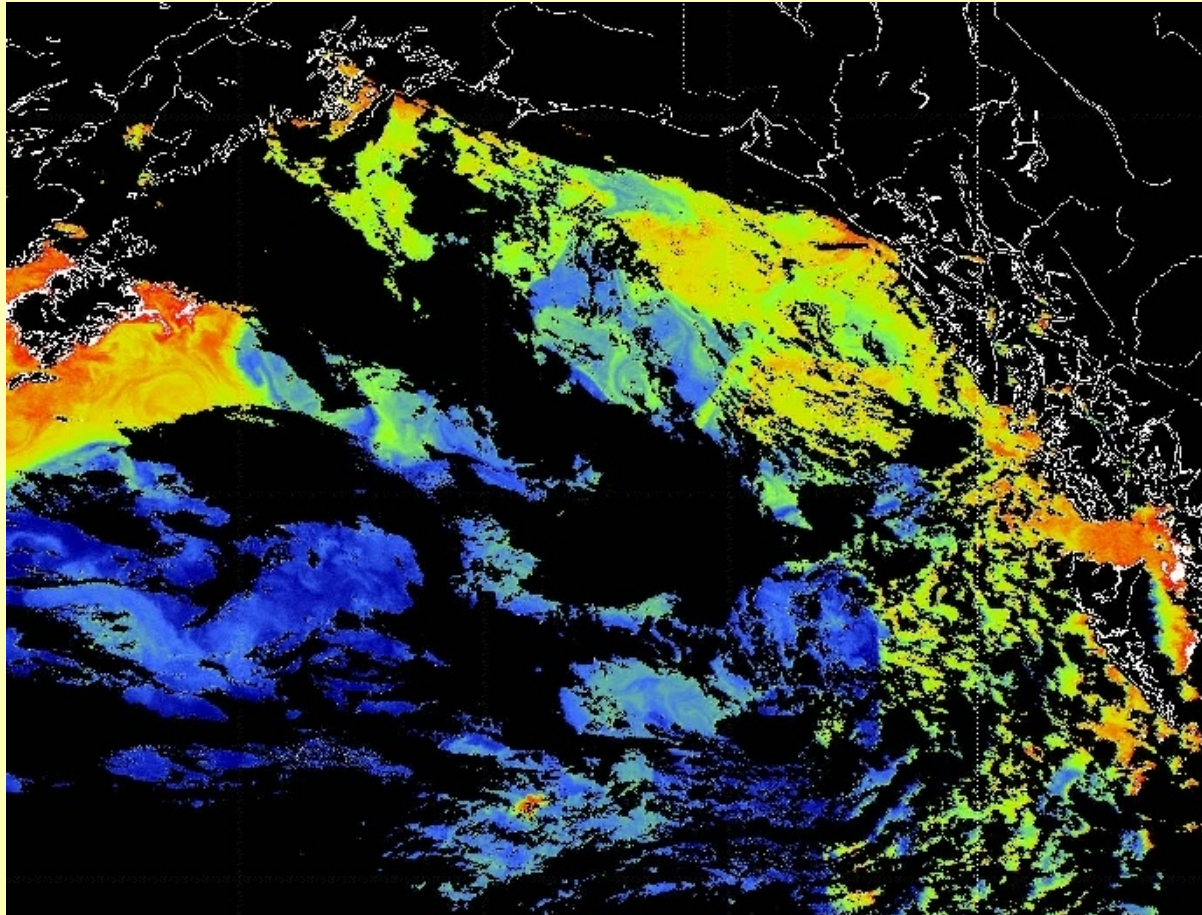
Dissipative structures



Do such mechanisms underlie spatial patterns in ecology?

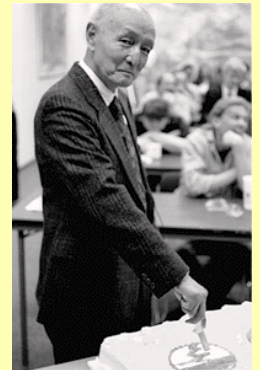


Plankton are patchy on almost every scale



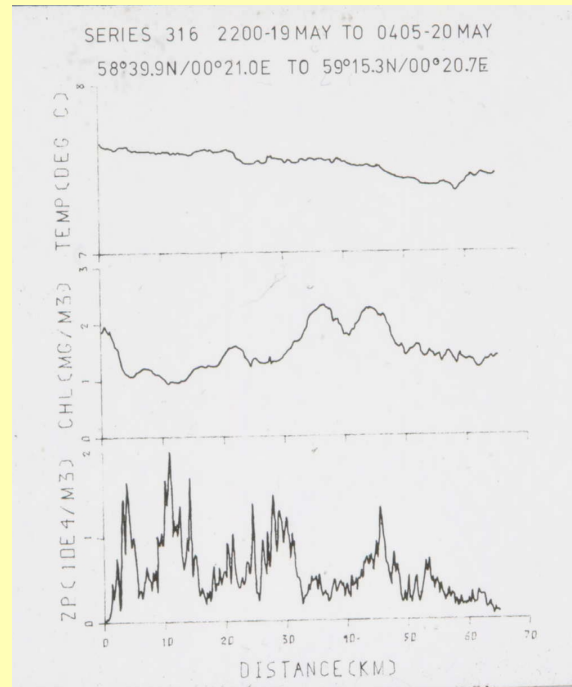
Could Turing apply to planktonic patchiness?

- Phytoplankton as “activators”
- Zooplankton as “inhibitors”
- Both Levin and Segel, and Okubo, independently proposed this



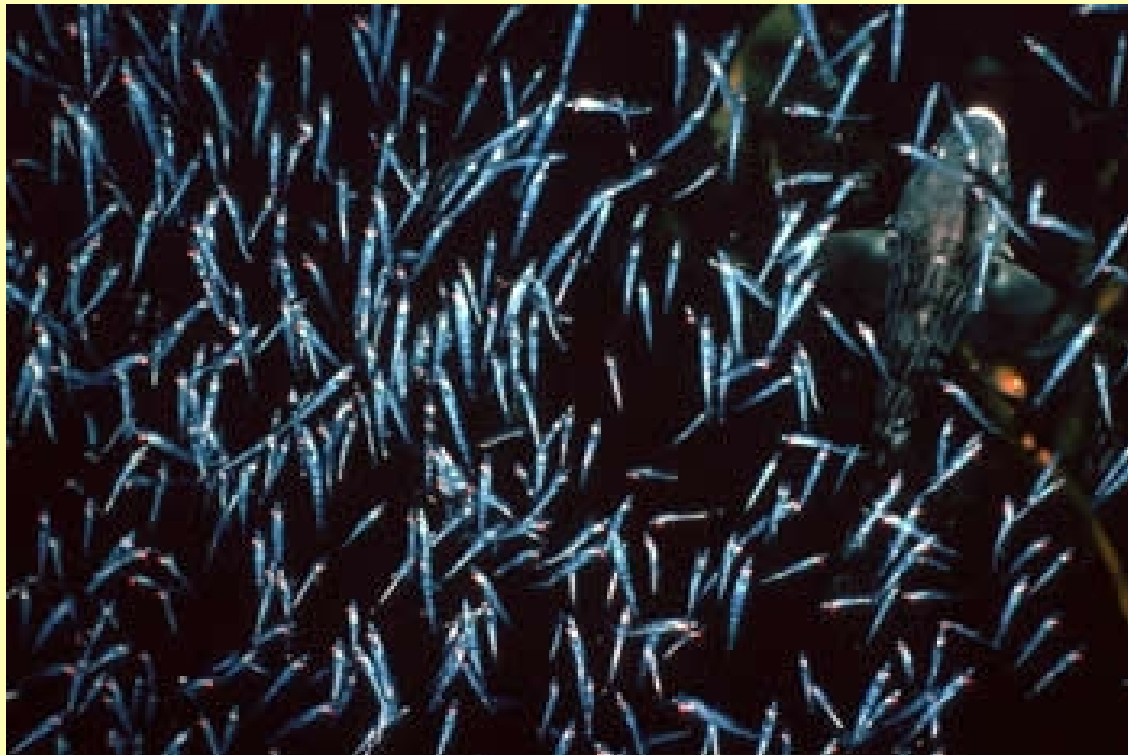
Turing mechanism didn't work

Zooplankton are more patchily distributed



Mackas et al

Zooplankton don't move randomly, but aggregate



Lagrangian-Eulerian connections



- Begin from microscopic (Lagrangian) rules

$$m\ddot{x} = F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + F_4$$

Random Directed Grouping Arrayal



If closures are good, such approximations work well



Flierl et al., JTB 1999

Otherwise, equation-free methods (Kevrekidis)

But real aggregations are heterogeneous assemblages of individuals

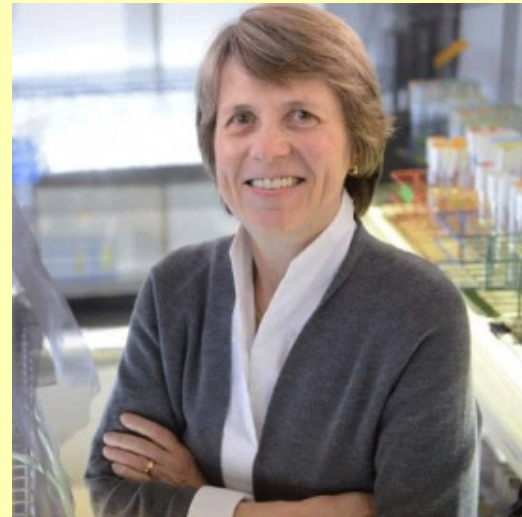
Will return to this problem later

Scaling to the ecosystem level (still without fish)



[Science.mit.edu](https://science.mit.edu)

Mick Follows



chisholmleb.mit.edu

Penny Chisholm

Ocean dynamics: The MIT-DARWIN Model

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{\partial N_i}{\partial t} &= \underbrace{-\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} N_i) + \nabla \cdot (K \nabla N_i)}_{\text{u and K from ECCO2 GCM}} - \underbrace{\sum_j \mu_j P_j}_{\text{Phyto growth}} \underbrace{R_{ij}}_{\text{Remineralization \& other sources}} + S_{N_i} \\
 \frac{\partial P_j}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} P_j) + \nabla \cdot (K \nabla P_j) + \underbrace{\mu_j P_j}_{\text{Growth}} - \underbrace{m_j^P P_j}_{\text{Mortality}} - \underbrace{\sum_k g_{jk} \frac{P_j Z_{k,i=1}}{P_j + k_j^P}}_{\text{Grazing}} - \underbrace{\frac{w_j^P \partial P_j}{\partial z}}_{\text{Sinkin}} \\
 \frac{\partial Z_{ki}}{\partial t} &= -\nabla \cdot (\mathbf{u} Z_{ki}) + \nabla \cdot (K \nabla Z_{ki}) - m_k^Z Z_{ki} + \sum_k g_{jk} \frac{P_j R_{ij}}{P_j + k_j^P}
 \end{aligned}$$

N/P/Z=

nutrients/phytoplankton/zooplankton

Ecotypes, not species, are predictable

Follows, Dutkiewicz, Chisholm,

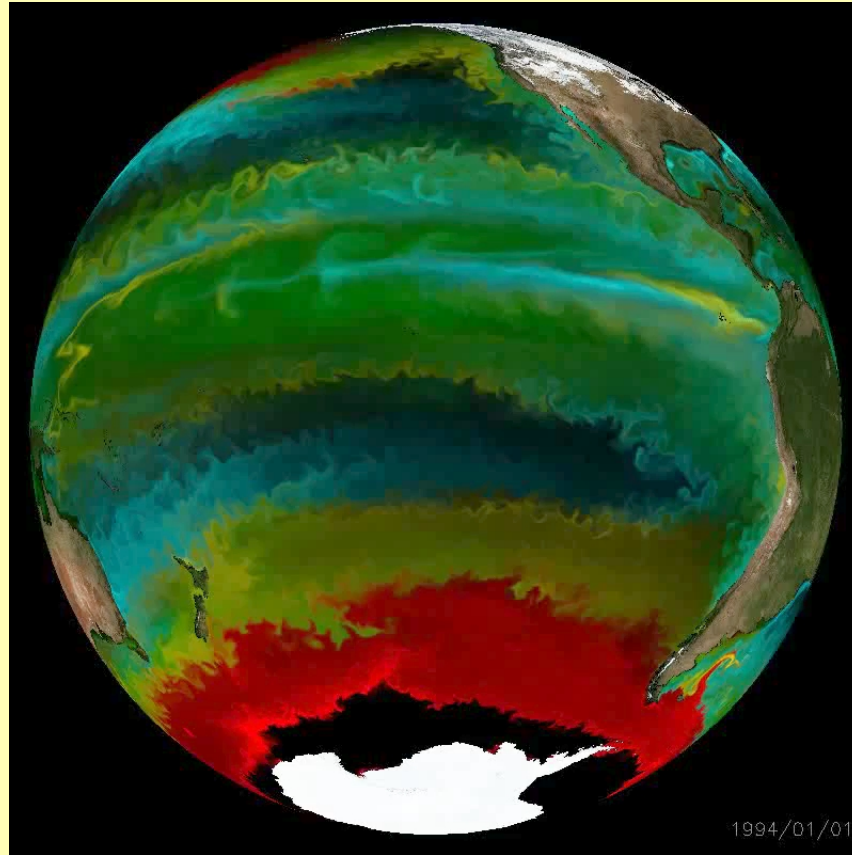
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Prochlorococcus

Synechococcus

Diatoms

Large eukaryotes



Courtesy Follows and Dutkiewicz

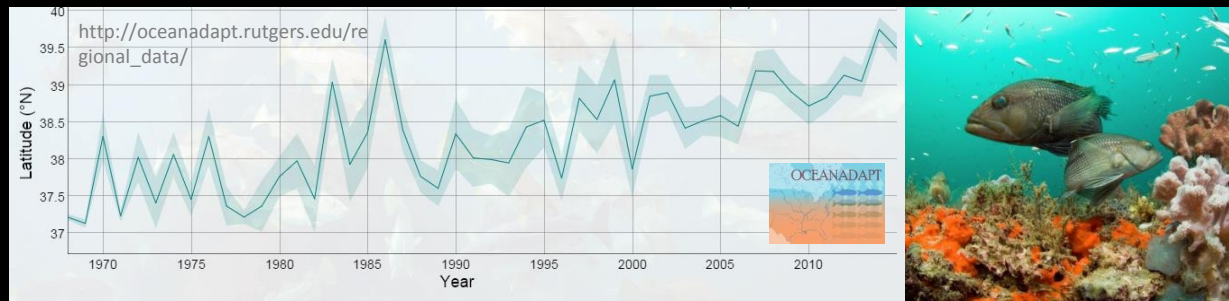
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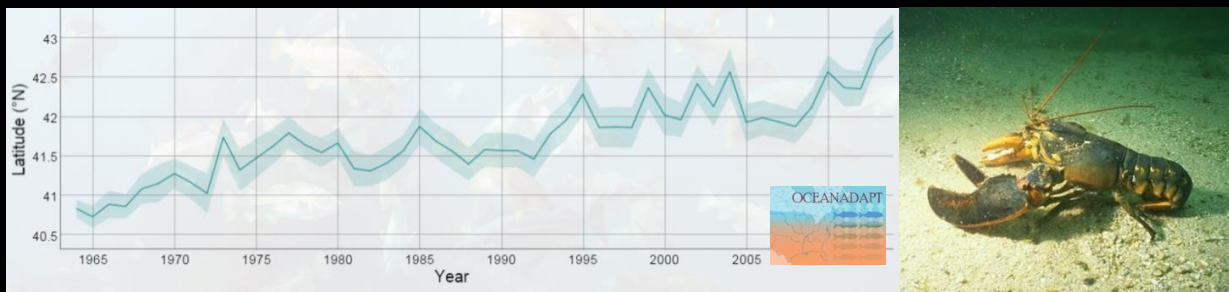
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The human dimension: As fish populations shift, so do fisheries...can we predict?



**Black sea bass
and Lobster are also moving poleward**



Pinsky et al. 2013 *Science*; http://oceanadapt.rutgers.edu/regional_data/

Wealth reallocation and sustainability under climate change

Eli P. Fenichel, Simon A. Levin, Bonnie McCay, Kevin St. Martin, Joshua K. Abbott & Malin L. Pinsky

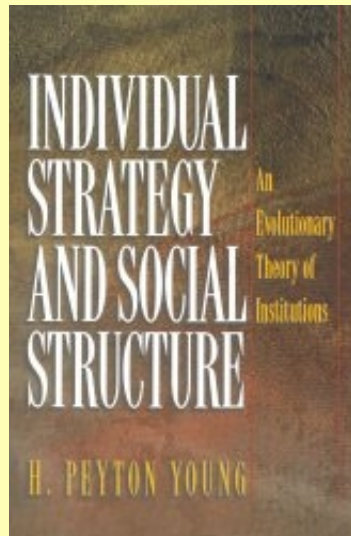
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Abstract

Climate change is often described as the greatest environmental challenge of our time. In addition, a changing climate can reallocate natural capital, change the value of all forms of capital and lead to mass redistribution of wealth. Here we explain how the inclusive wealth framework provides a means to measure shifts in the amounts and distribution of wealth

Modeling emergent phenomena in human societies



Essay

The Evolution of Norms

Paul R. Ehrlich, Simon A. Levin*

Over the past century and a half, we have made enormous progress in assembling a coherent picture of genetic evolution—that is, changes in the pools of genetic information possessed by populations, the genetic differentiation of populations (speciation) (see summaries in [1,2]), and the application of that understanding to the physical evolution of *Homo sapiens* and its forebears ([3]; e.g., [4,5]). But human beings, in addition to being products of biological evolution, are—vastly more than any other organisms—also products of a process of “cultural evolution.” Cultural evolution consists of changes in the nongenetic information stored in brains, stories, songs, books, computer disks, and the like. Despite some important first steps, no integrated picture of the process of cultural evolution that has the explanatory power of the theory of genetic evolution has yet emerged.

Much of the effort to examine cultural evolution has focused on interactions of the genetic and cultural processes (e.g., [6], see also references in [7]). This focus, however, provides a sometimes misleading perspective, since most of the behavior of our species that is of interest to policy makers is a product of the portion of cultural evolution [8] that occurs so rapidly that genetic change is irrelevant. There is a long-recognized need both to understand the process of human cultural evolution per se and to find ways of altering its course (an operation in which institutions as diverse as schools, prisons, and governments have long been engaged). In a world threatened by weapons of mass destruction and escalating environmental deterioration, the need to change our behavior to avoid a global collapse [9] has become urgent.

and humanely guided efforts to influence cultural evolution. While most of the effort to understand that evolution has come from the social sciences, biologists have also struggled with the issue (e.g., p. 285 of [10], [11–16], and p. 62 of [17]). We argue that biologists and social scientists need one another and must collectively direct more of their attention to understanding how social norms develop and change. Therefore, we offer this review of the challenge in order to emphasize its multidisciplinary dimensions and thereby to recruit a broader mixture of scientists into a more integrated effort to develop a theory of change in social norms—and, eventually, cultural evolution as a whole.

What Are the Relevant Units of Culture?

Norms (within this paper understood to include conventions or customs) are representative or typical patterns and rules of behavior in a human group [18], often supported by legal or other sanctions. Those sanctions, norms in themselves, have been called “metanorms” when failure to enforce them is punished [17,19,20]. In our (liberal) usage, norms are standard or ideal behaviors “typical” of groups. Whether these indeed represent the average behaviors of individuals in the groups is an open question, and depends on levels of conformity. Conformity or nonconformity with these norms are attributes of individuals, and, of course, heterogeneity in those attributes is important to how norms evolve. Norms and metanorms provide a cultural “stickiness” (p. 10 of [21]) or viscosity that can help sustain adaptive behavior and retard

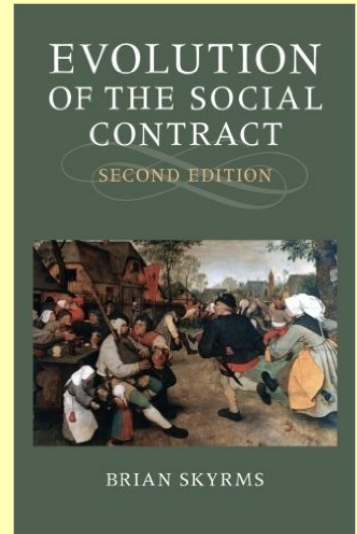
change. Such a “stickiness” can argue that progress will depend on the development of a comprehensive quantitative theory of the initiation and spread of norms (and ultimately all elements of culture), and introduce some preliminary models that examine the spread of norms in space or on social networks. Most models of complex systems are meant to extract signal from noise, suppressing extraneous detail and thereby allowing an examination of the influence of the dominant forces that drive the dynamics of pattern and process. To this end, models necessarily introduce some extreme simplifying assumptions.

Early attempts to model cultural evolution have searched for parallels of the population genetic models used to analyze genetic evolution. A popular analogy, both tempting and facile, has been that there are cultural analogues of genes, termed “memes” [22,23], which function as replicable cultural units. Memes can be ideas, behaviors, patterns, units of information, and so on. But the differences between genes and memes makes the analogy inappropriate, and “memetics” has not led to real understanding of cultural evolution. Genes are relatively stable, mutating rarely, and those changes that do occur usually result in nonfunctional products. In contrast, memes are extremely mutable, often transforming considerably with each transmission. Among humans, genes can only pass unidirectionally from

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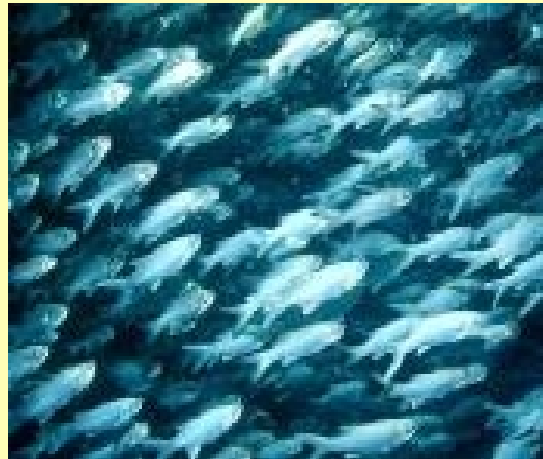


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Ecosystems and the Biosphere are Complex Adaptive Systems

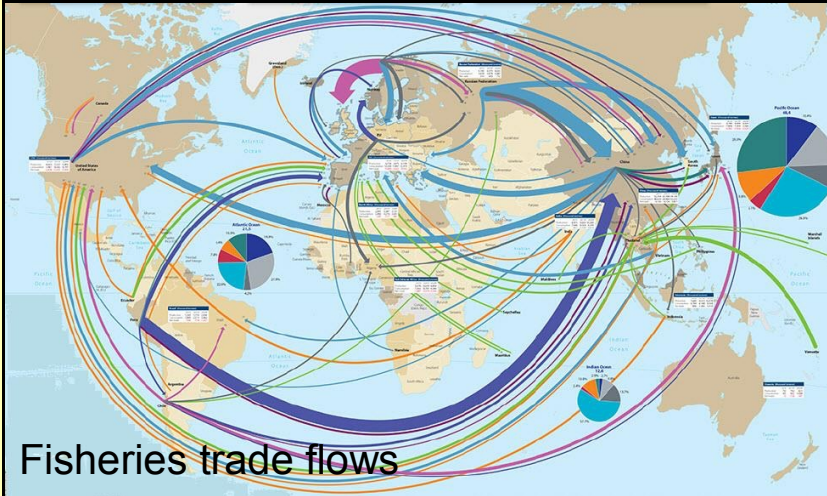
Heterogeneous collections of individual units (agents) that interact locally, and evolve based on the outcomes of those interactions.



So too are socio-economic systems



Coupled Human and Natural Systems



Interconnected ecological,
social and economic
systems



Complex Adaptive Systems

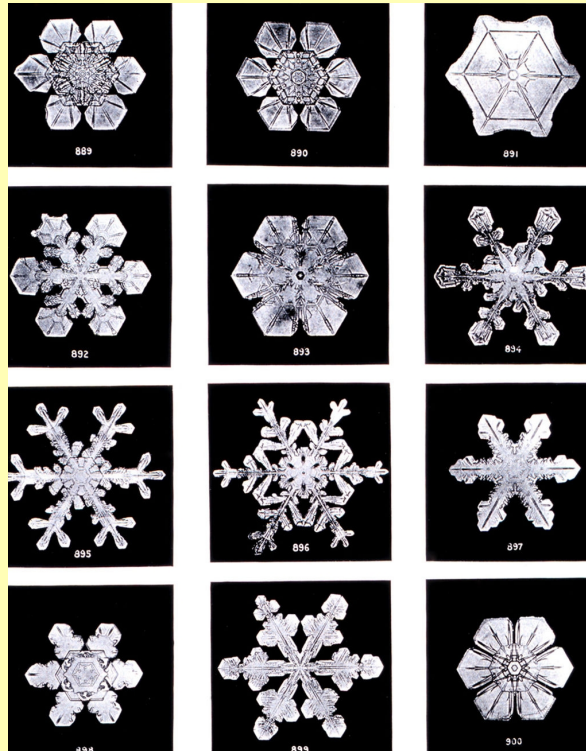
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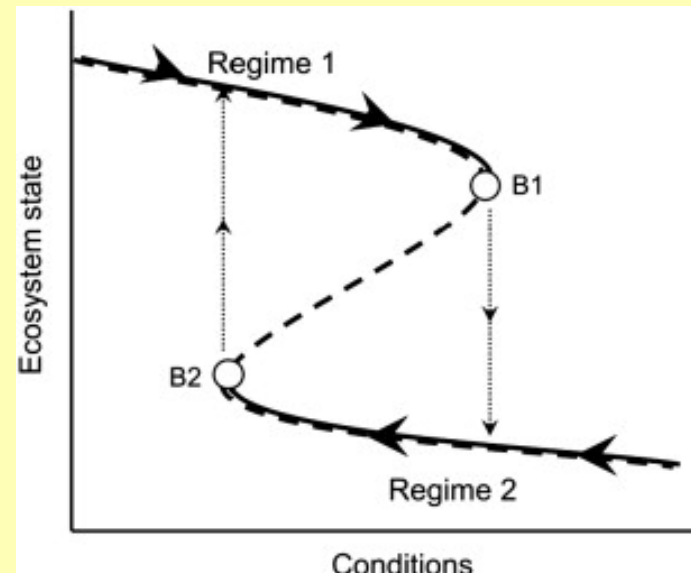
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Crepin et al, Ecol Econ, 2012

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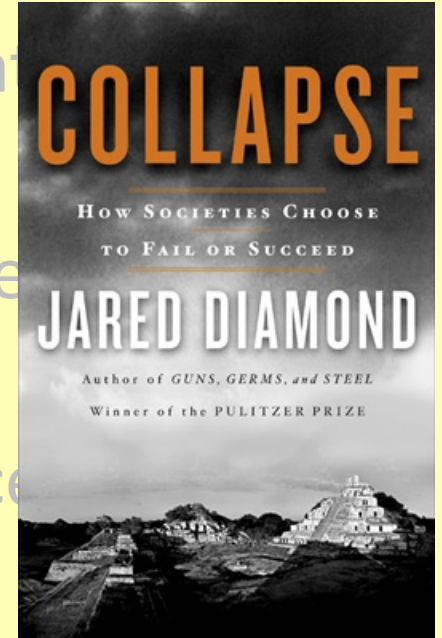
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- **Contagious spread and systemic risk**

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- Potential for destabilization and regime shifts through slow-time-scale evolution



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NEWS & VIEWS

COMPLEX SYSTEMS

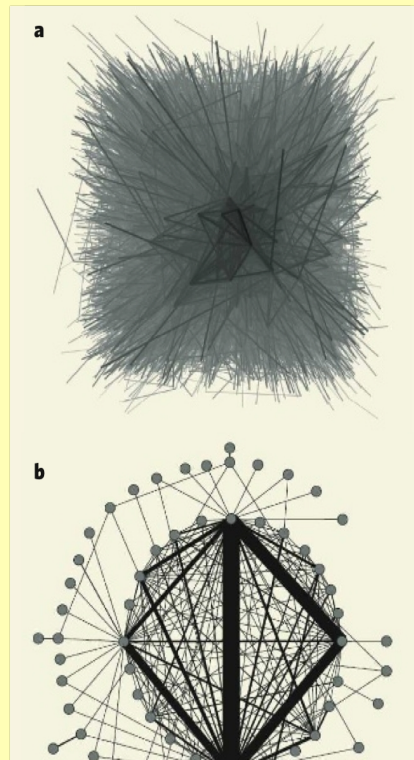
Ecology for bankers

Robert M. May, Simon A. Levin and George Sugihara

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spent on studying systemic risk as compared with that spent on conventional risk management in individual firms? Second, how expensive is a systemic-risk event to a national or global economy (examples being the stock market crash of 1987, or the turmoil of 1998 associated with the Russian loan default, and the subsequent collapse of the hedge fund Long-Term Capital Management)? The answer to the first question is "comparatively very little"; to the second, "hugely expensive".

An analogous situation exists within fisheries management. For the past half-century, investments in fisheries science have focused on management on a species-by-species basis (analogous to single-firm risk analysis). Especially with collapses of some major fisheries, however, this approach is giving way to the view that such models may be fundamentally incomplete, and that the wider ecosystem and environmental context (by analogy, the full banking and market system) are required for informed decision-making. It is an example of a trend in many areas of applied science acknowledging the need for a larger-system perspective.

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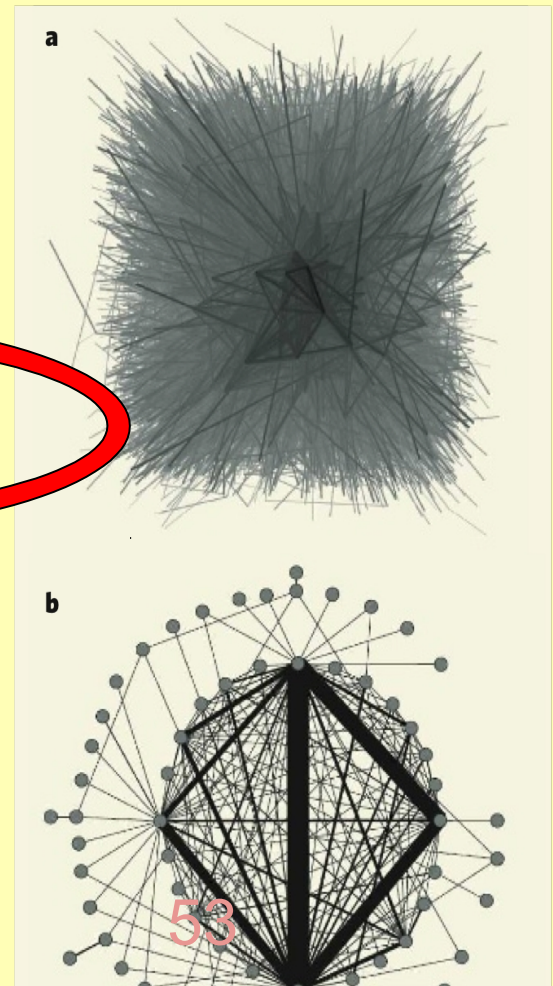
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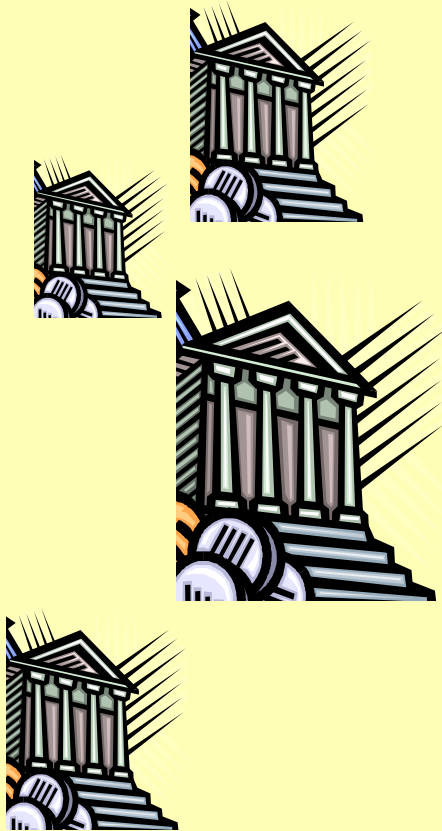
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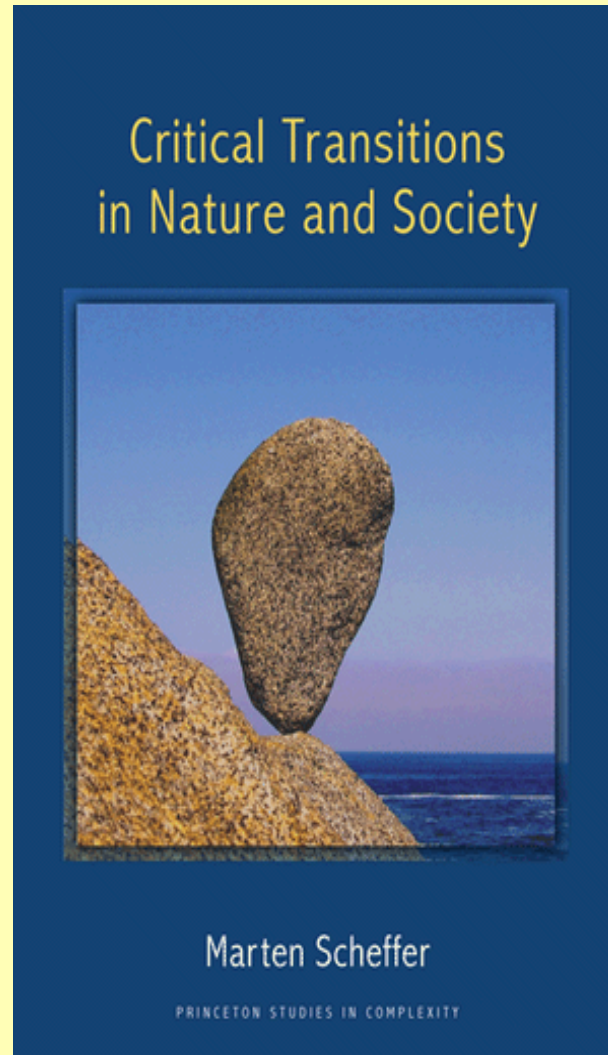
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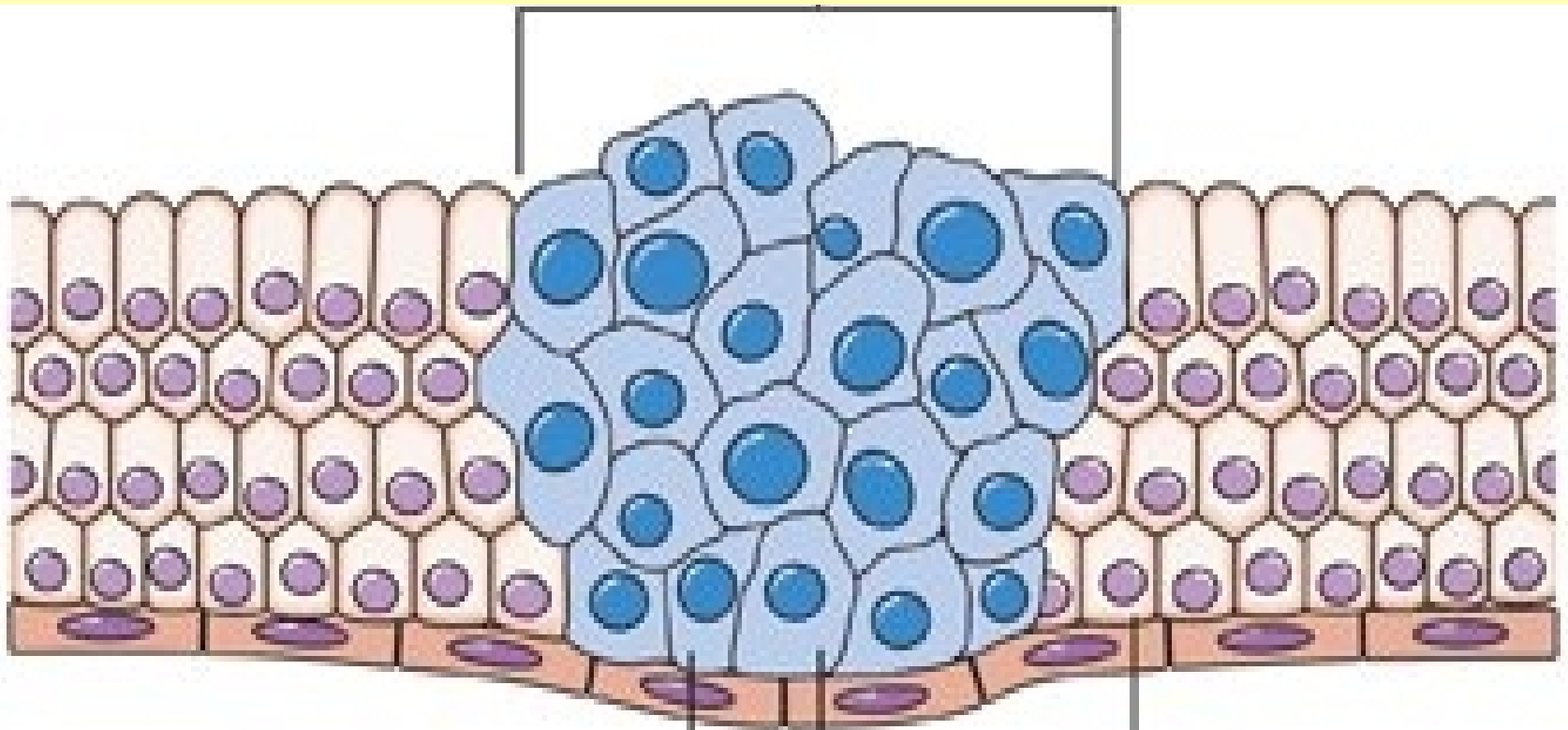
But to



In complex adaptive systems, emergence can lead to sudden shifts



..and inescapably to conflicts between levels



Cancer cells dividing

Normal cells

Managing public goods and common-pool resources: Bridging levels

- Individual transferable quotas (ITQs)
- Territorial-use rights in fisheries (TURFS)
- Rights-based fisheries (RBFs)
- Social norms
- International agreements



E. Fehr

Social norms can sustain and enhance prosocial behavior

- Humans will punish others who deviate from social norms, at cost to themselves
- Punishment itself is a norm, and can evolve from repeated interactions
- Norms are important to understand much prosocial behavior
- Norms become formalized into rules and laws

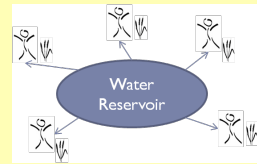
Fairness norms can provide "mutual coercion, mutually agreed upon"

with Alessandro Tavoni and Maja Schlüter



<http://geo.coop/node/654>

Equity-driven ostracism: Nash equilibria



- Agents that withdraw more than socially accepted are ostracized and refused help
-> reduction in utility

$$U_C = \pi_C(e_c, R)$$

$$U_D(f_C) = \pi_D(e_D, R) - \omega(f_C) \frac{\pi_D(e_D, R) - \pi_C(e_c, R)}{\pi_D(e_D, R)}$$

Payoff from
production

Ostracism
function

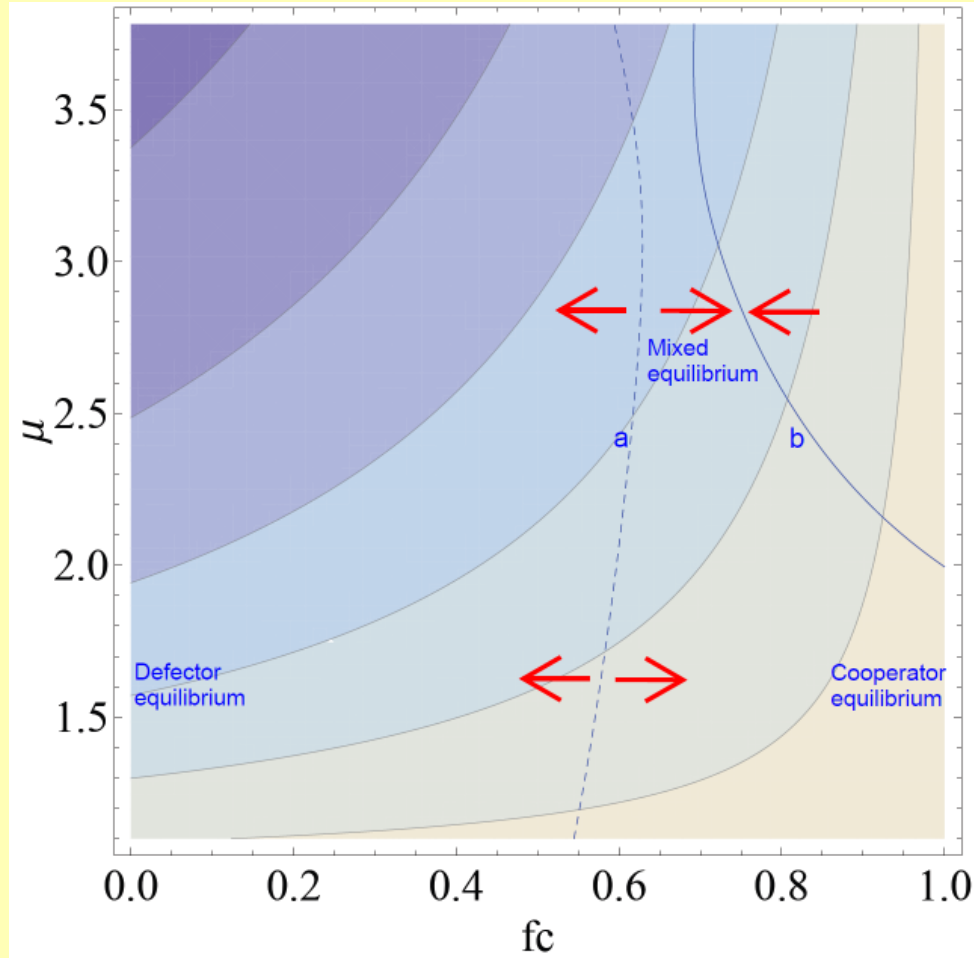
Intensity of
defection
(inequity)

RESOURCE LEVEL

$$\dot{R} = c - d(R / R_{\max})^k - qER$$

Tavoni, Schlueter, Levin Coordination game

Selfishness



Frequency of cooperators

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The dynamics of collective phenomena and collective decision-making



Claudio Carere
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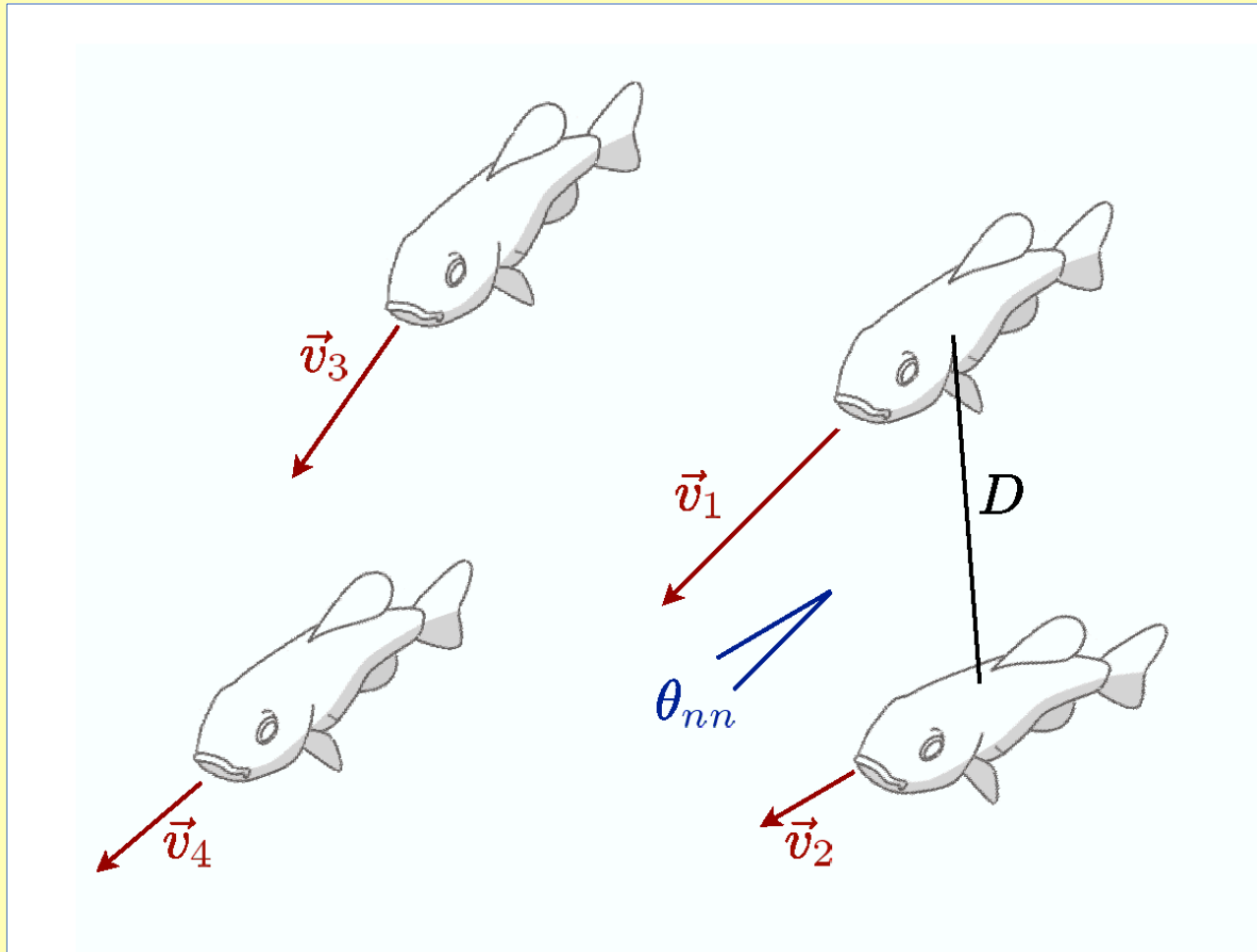
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Role of leadership and collective decision-making

Couzin, Krause, Franks, Levin



Collective decision-making



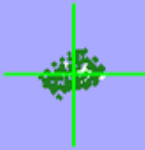
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5 informed individuals in group of 100.

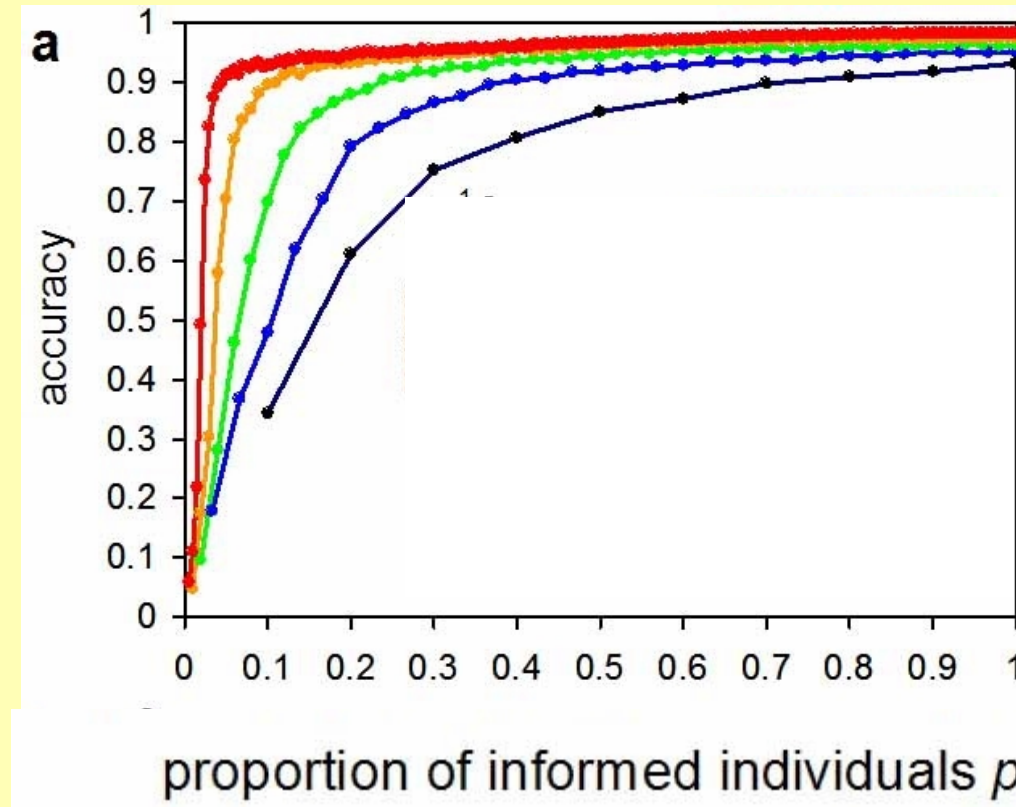
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10 informed individuals in group of 100.

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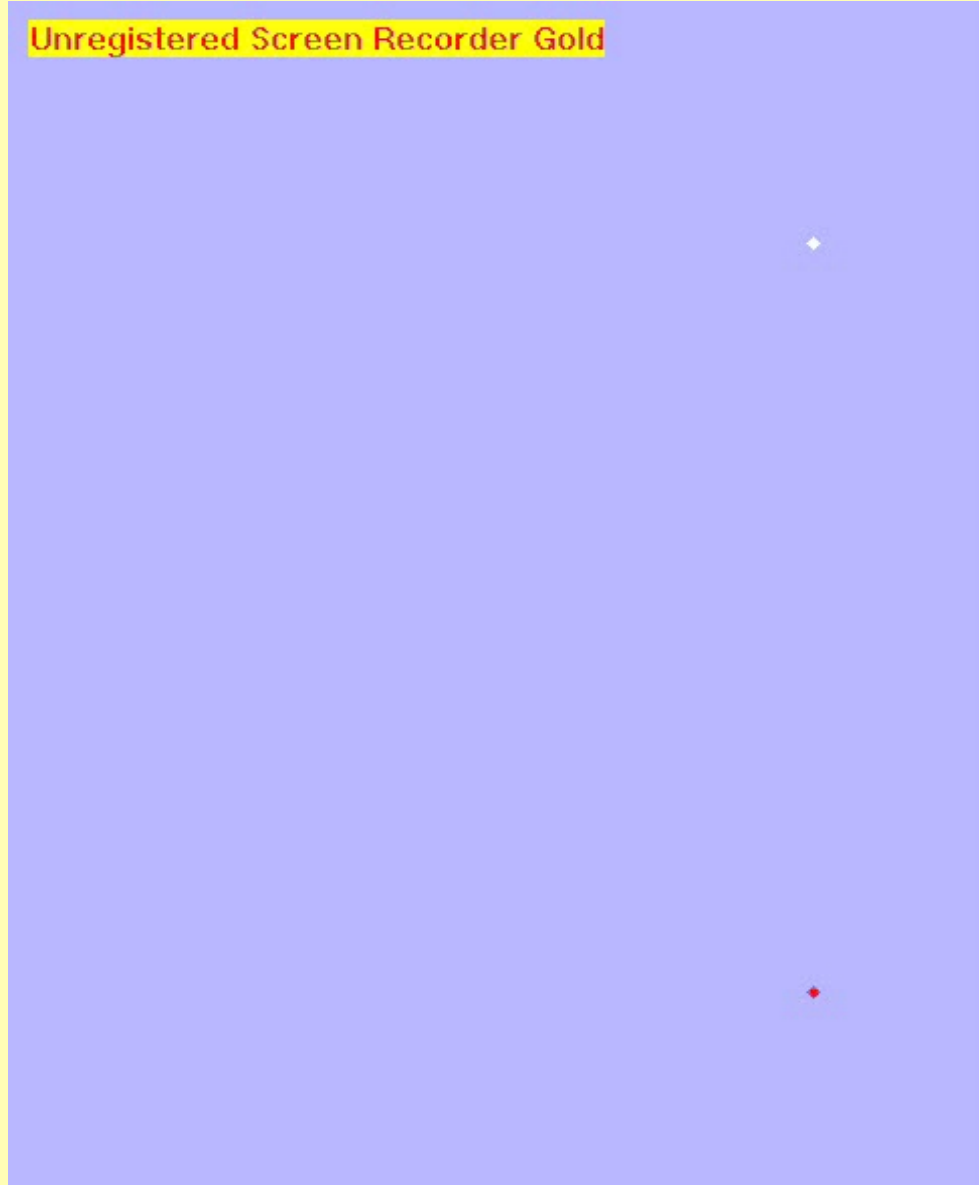
Animal groups may be led by a small number of individuals



From Couzin et al., 2005

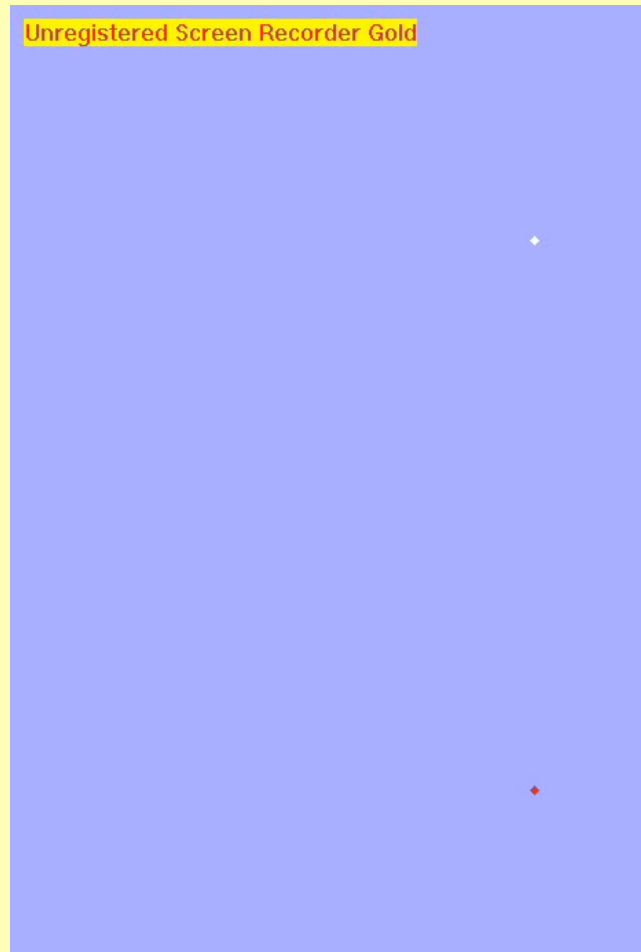
Competition and consensus

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Competition and consensus



Extensions

- Complex spatial patterns (fish balls, tori)
- Evolution of local rules
- **Role of unopinionated**



Investigate from multiple angles

- Experimental studies with fish
- Simulation and analytical models of movement

Models of human collective decision-making

REPORTS

Uninformed Individuals Promote Democratic Consensus in Animal Groups

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Conflicting interests among group members are common when making collective decisions, yet failure to achieve consensus can be costly. Under these circumstances individuals may be

Theoretically and empirically, unopinionated individuals are crucial to nature of consensus



Attitudinal shifts affect action on issues like climate change

- In human societies as in animal groups, there may be few leaders and many followers
- Sudden shifts in attitudes given momentum by large numbers of followers (see also Lade et al.)
- Environmental action must take such potential volatility into account

Can cooperation be extended to the global level?



Ostrom: Climate change

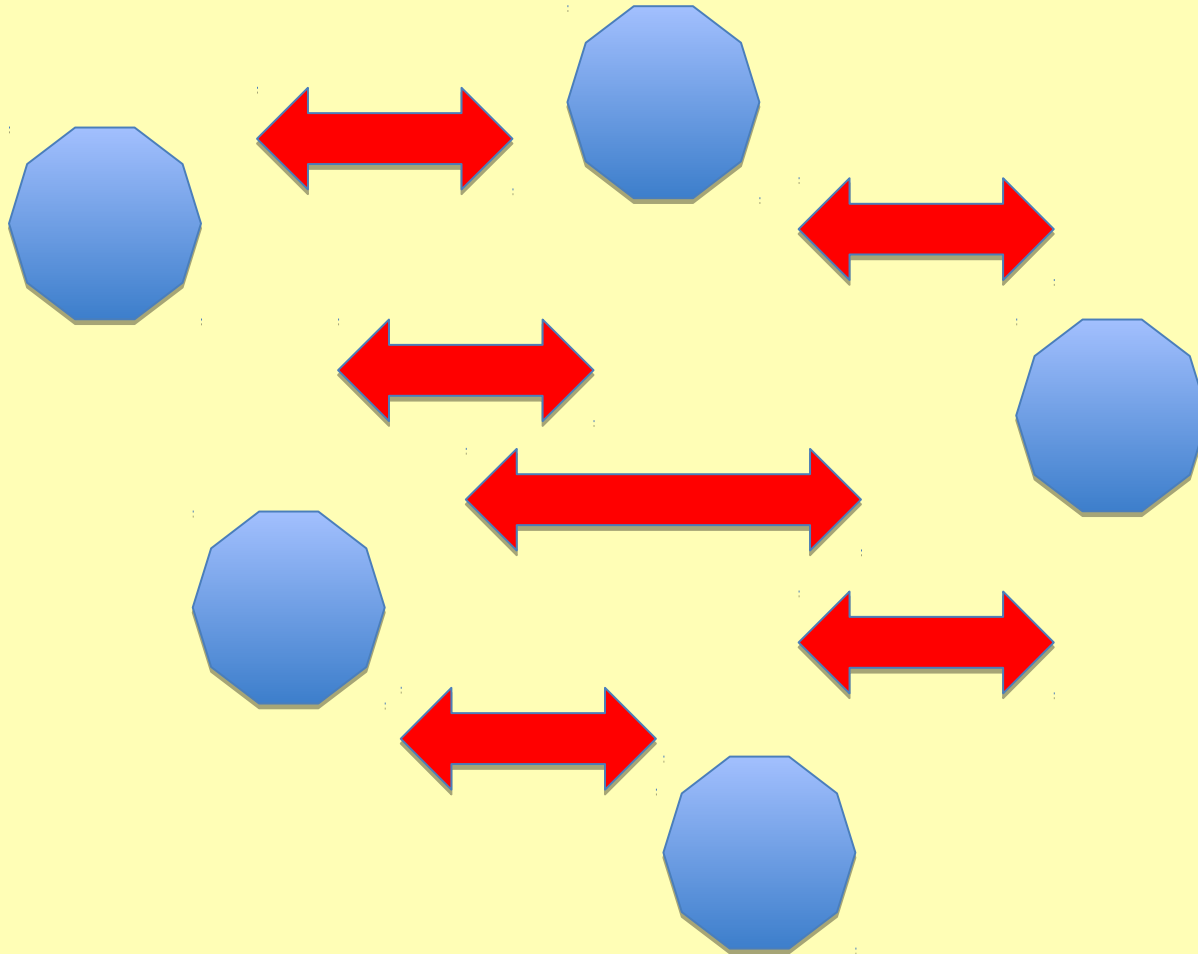
A Polycentric Approach for Coping with Climate Change

Elinor Ostrom

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This paper proposes an alternative approach to addressing the complex problems of climate change caused by greenhouse gas emissions. The author, who won the 2009 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences, argues that single policies adopted only at a global scale are unlikely to generate sufficient trust among citizens and firms so that collective action can take place in a comprehensive and transparent manner that will effectively reduce global warming. Furthermore, simply recommending a single governmental unit to solve global collective action problems is inherently weak because of free-rider problems. For example, the Carbon Development Mechanism (CDM) can be ‘gamed’ in

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Contributions to public goods
Multiple groups



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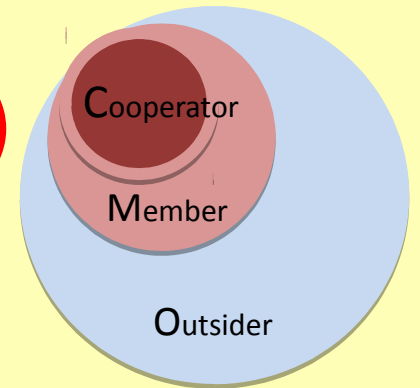
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Club approach

- Cooperators C (pay base + mitigation)
- Members M (pay base)
- Outsiders O (pay nothing)
- P =excludable share of public good that C produce (club good)
- χ =bonus portion of remainder available to members



Ecological systems and socio-economic systems alike are complex adaptive systems



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<http://www.c2es.org/international/2015-agreement>

Emergence of cooperation within groups is often for the benefit of conflict with *other* groups



[http://www.twcenter.net/forums/showthread.](http://www.twcenter.net/forums/showthread.php?284308-RTR-AAR-Alexander-Reborn-A-Makedonian-AAR)

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In the global commons, there is no “other”



Walt Kelly

Understanding how to achieve international cooperation is at the core of achieving sustainability in dealing with our common enemy: environmental degradation



...so that we can achieve a sustainable future
for our children and grandchildren



Thank you

Carole Levin