

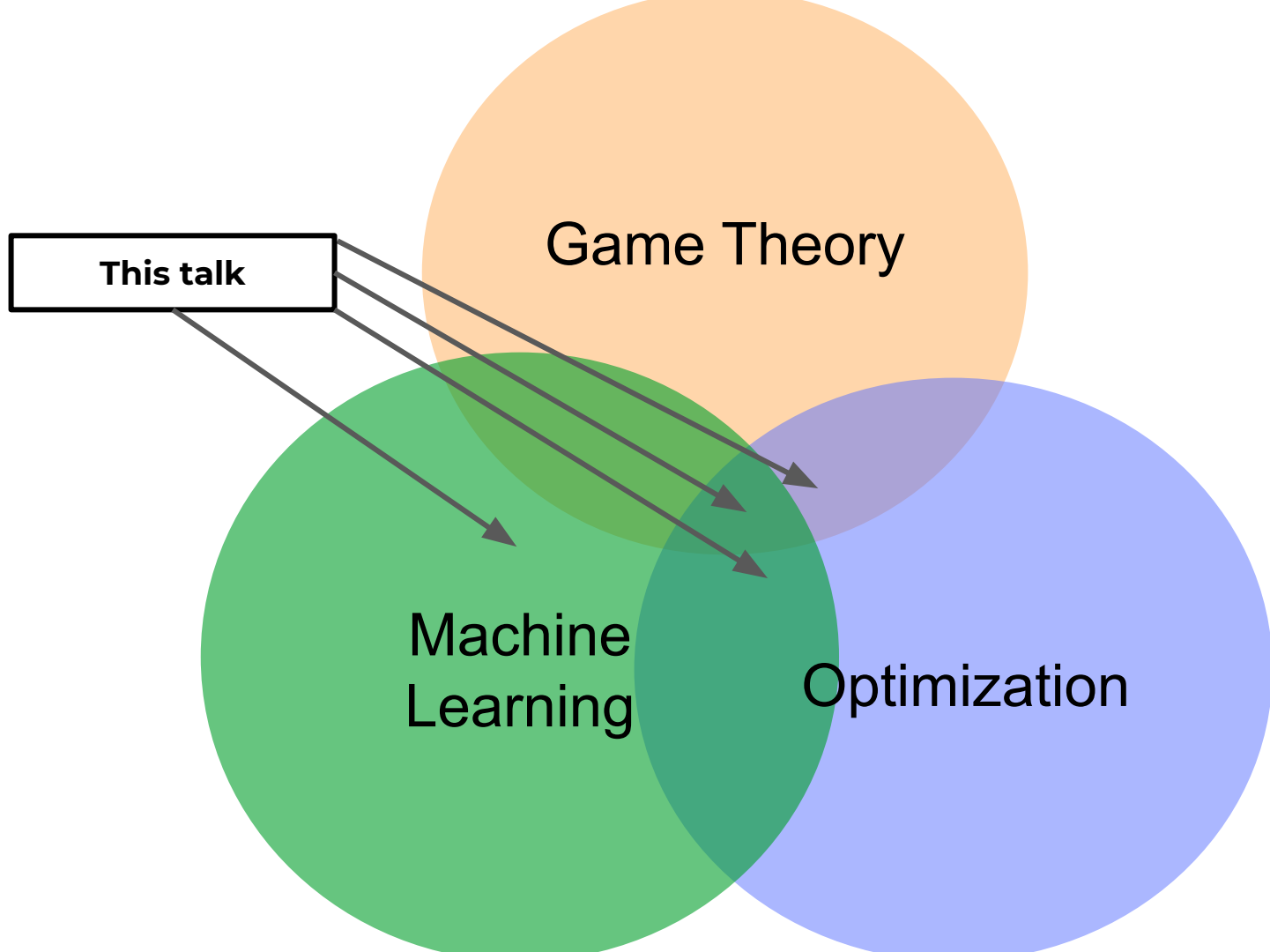
Differentiable Games in the Era of Machine Learning

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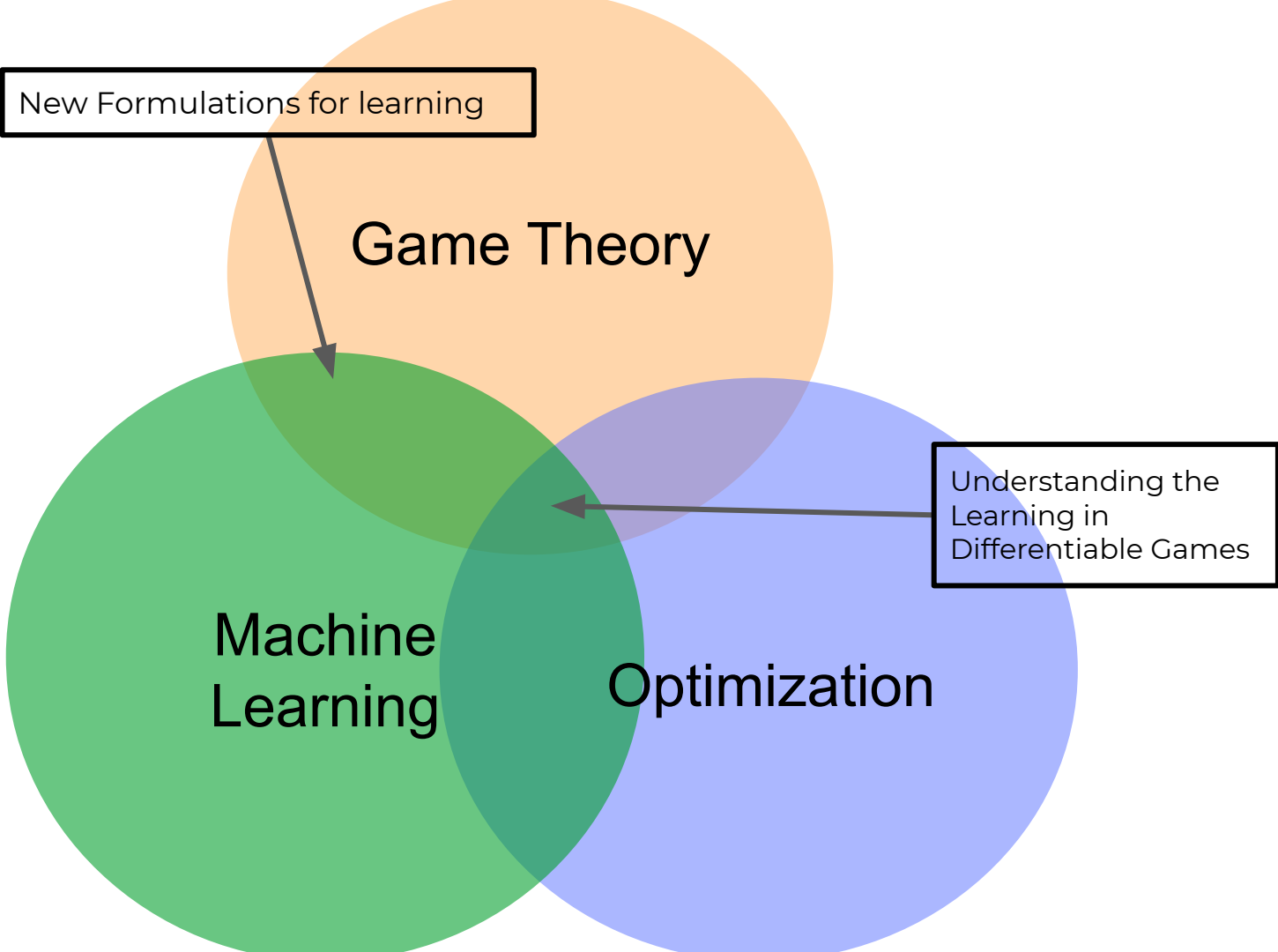
This talk

Game Theory

Machine Learning

Optimization

New Formulations for learning



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Understanding the Learning in Differentiable Games

Adversarial Example Games



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Usually L_p norm.

**Optimization
Problem**

- f : function to attack.
- $x \in \mathcal{X}$: input datapoint.
- $x' \in \mathcal{X}$: adversarial example.
- $y \in \mathcal{Y}$: true label.
- ℓ : loss function.

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- **Threat model: what we assume to have access to.**
(e.g. gradients, softmax values)

Whitebox
threat model

Blackbox
threat model

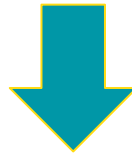
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Intuitions

- Adversarial examples are **features**. [Ilyas et al. 2019]
- Adversarial examples **always exist** with Neural Nets [Bubeck, Cherapanamjeri, Gidel, Tachet des Combes 2021] [Daniely and Schacham 2020]



- These features can be learned.
- Modifying them can attack a whole class \mathcal{F} function.

Conclusion: the generator can learn to detect and change these features **without querying** $f_t \Rightarrow$ **NoBox attack**.

A Realistic (and challenging) threat model:
Non-interactive blackBox (NoBox) threat model

- **Target model** f_t : we want to break that model.
- **Target examples** \mathcal{D} : the data we want to corrupt.
- **Model hypothesis class** \mathcal{F} : our knowledge on the target model. **New!**
- **Representative classifier** f_c : we assume we can optimize over the hypothesis class using that representative classifier. **New!**
- **A Reference Dataset** \mathcal{D}_{ref} : similar to the training set of f_t **New!**

IDEA: Optimize over \mathcal{F} to get adversarial examples that can attack any function in \mathcal{F}

Adversarial Example Games Framework

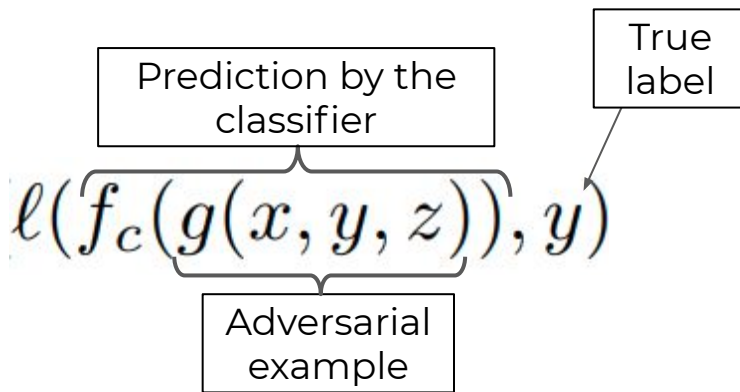
Game Between:

- A generator that generate adversarial examples conditioned on (x,y) :

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Classification loss of an adversarial example of (x,y) :



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$$\max_{g \in \mathcal{G}_\epsilon} \min_{f_c \in \mathcal{F}} \mathbb{E}_{(x,y) \sim \mathcal{D}, z \sim p_z} [\ell(f_c(g(x, y, z)), y)] =: \varphi(f_c, p_g)$$

Attacking in the Wild: CIFAR 10

Source	Attack	VGG-16	RN-18	WR	DN-121	Inc-V3
	Clean	11.2 ± 0.9	13.1 ± 2.0	6.8 ± 0.7	11.2 ± 1.4	9.9 ± 1.3
Architecture of classifier used to train attacker. f_c	MI-Attack	63.9 ± 1.3	74.6 ± 0.4	63.1 ± 1.2	72.5 ± 1.3	67.9 ± 1.6
	DI-Attack	77.4 ± 1.7	90.2 ± 0.8	74.0 ± 1.0	87.1 ± 1.3	85.8 ± 0.8
	TID-Attack	21.6 ± 1.3	26.5 ± 2.2	14.0 ± 1.5	22.3 ± 1.6	19.8 ± 0.9
	SGM-Attack	68.4 ± 1.8	79.5 ± 0.5	64.3 ± 1.6	73.8 ± 1.0	70.6 ± 1.7
	AEG (Ours)	89.0 ± 2.1	96.8 ± 0.7	80.9 ± 2.4	91.6 ± 1.7	87.2 ± 1.6
f_t	MI-Attack	54.3 ± 1.1	62.5 ± 0.9	56.3 ± 1.3	66.1 ± 1.5	65.0 ± 1.3
	DI-Attack	61.1 ± 1.9	69.1 ± 0.8	61.9 ± 1.1	77.1 ± 1.2	71.6 ± 1.6
	TID-Attack	21.7 ± 1.2	23.8 ± 1.5	14.0 ± 1.4	21.7 ± 1.1	19.3 ± 1.2
	SGM-Attack	51.6 ± 0.7	60.2 ± 1.3	52.6 ± 0.9	64.7 ± 1.6	61.4 ± 1.3
	AEG (Ours)	90.5 ± 1.6	95.9 ± 1.4	80.3 ± 2.3	95.9 ± 1.4	90.6 ± 2.4
VGG-16	MI-Attack	49.9 ± 0.1	50.0 ± 0.2	46.7 ± 0.4	50.4 ± 0.6	50.0 ± 0.3
	DI-Attack	65.1 ± 0.1	64.5 ± 0.2	58.8 ± 0.6	64.1 ± 0.3	60.9 ± 0.6
	TID-Attack	26.2 ± 0.6	24.0 ± 0.6	13.0 ± 0.2	20.8 ± 0.7	18.8 ± 0.2
	AEG (Ours)	94.2 ± 1.2	93.7 ± 1.6	77.1 ± 1.1	92.3 ± 1.7	86.5 ± 1.3

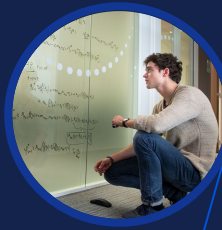
Target classifier we want to **attack**.

f_t

Table 2: Error rates on \mathcal{D} for average NoBox architecture transfer attacks with $\epsilon = 0.03125$

DeepMind

Real World Games look like Spinning Tops





Real World Game

A competitive, two-player, symmetric zero-sum game, designed for human enjoyment, engagement and as a mean of challenging each others strategic thinking.



**Games
of Skill**



Games

SC 2
Dota 2
Quake III
Go
Tic Tac Toe

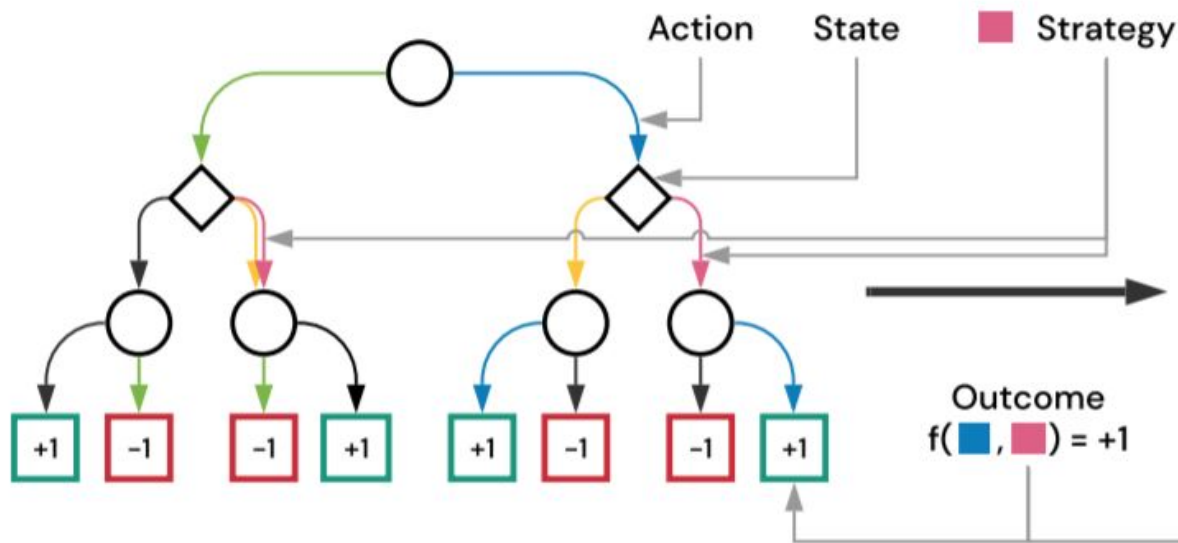
Rock Paper
Scissors

Disc Game

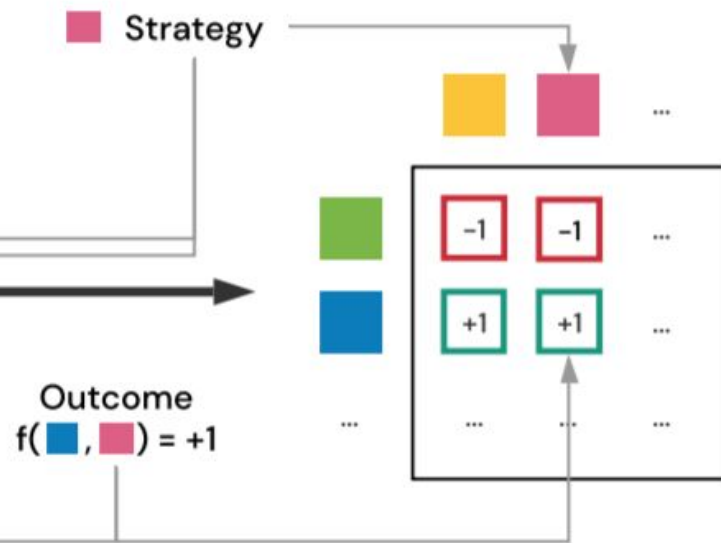
Colonel Blotto



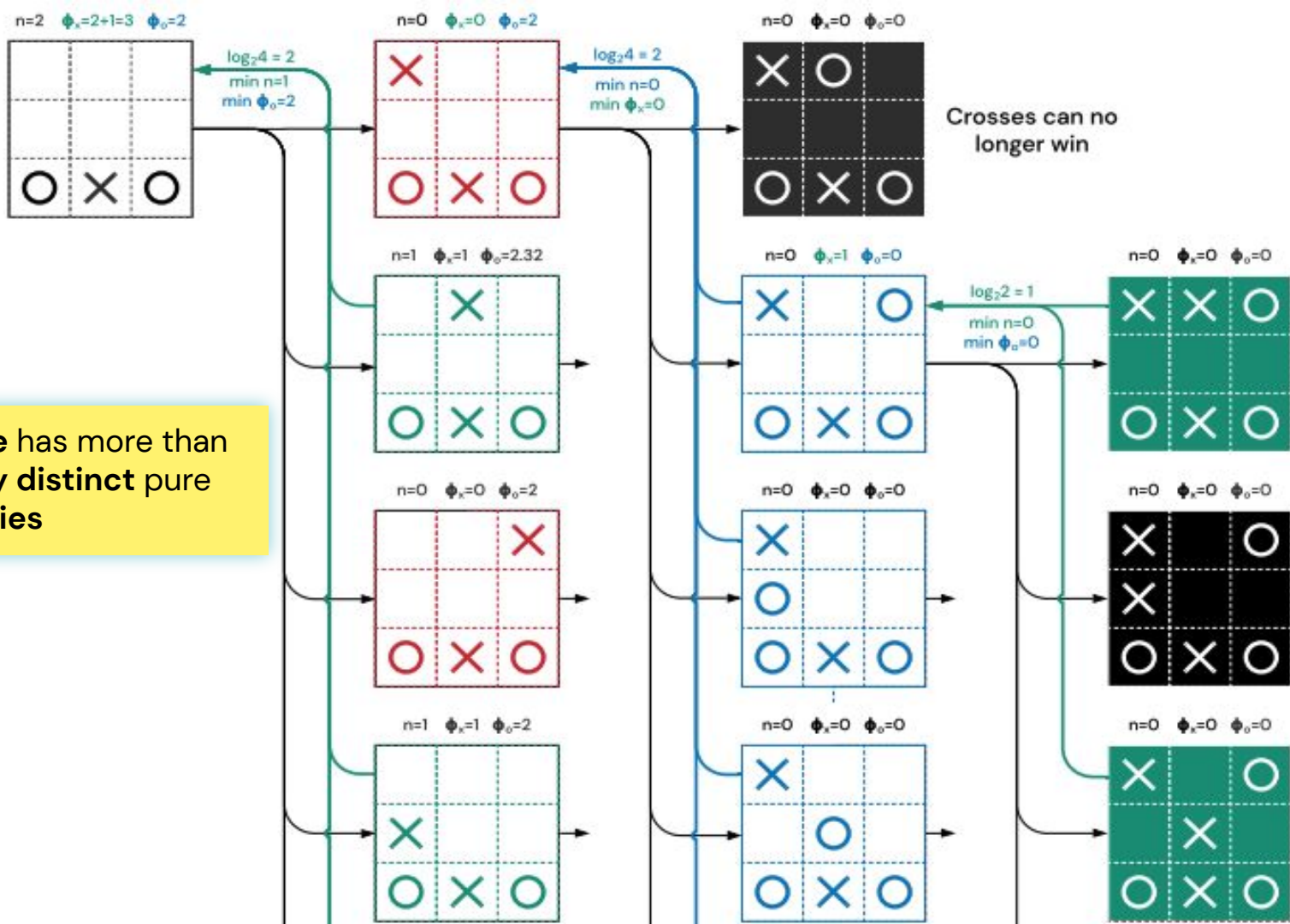
Extensive Form Game / Game Tree



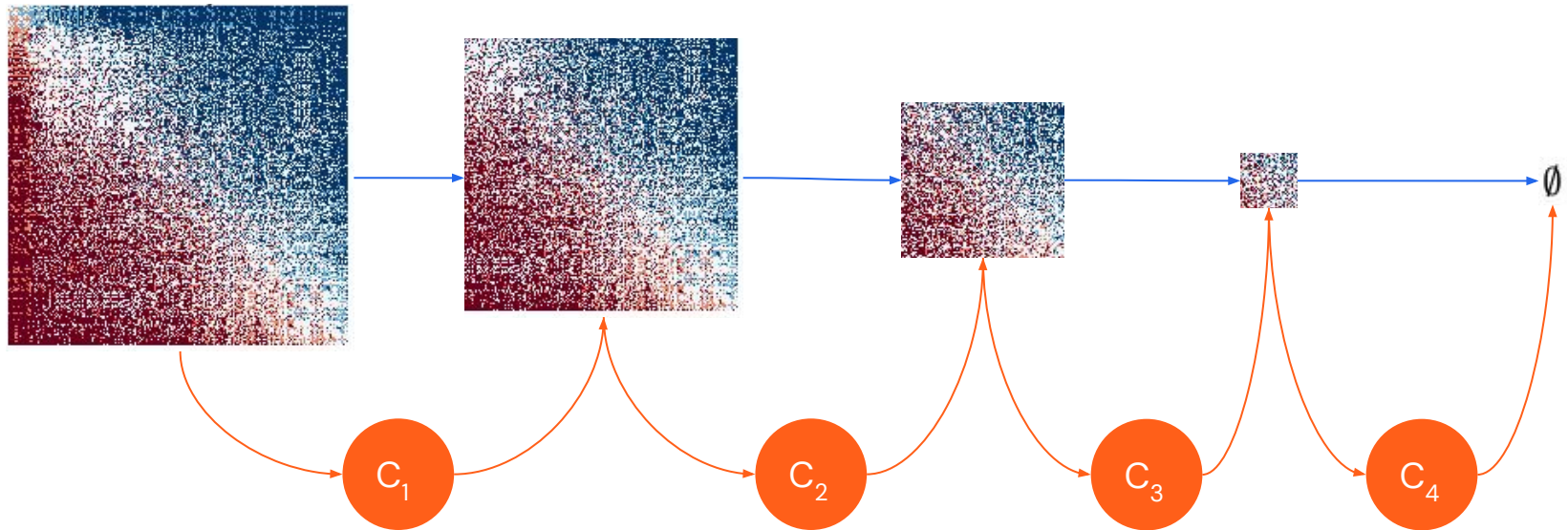
Normal Form Game Payoff



Game of Tic Tac Toe has more than 10^{567} behaviourally distinct pure strategies

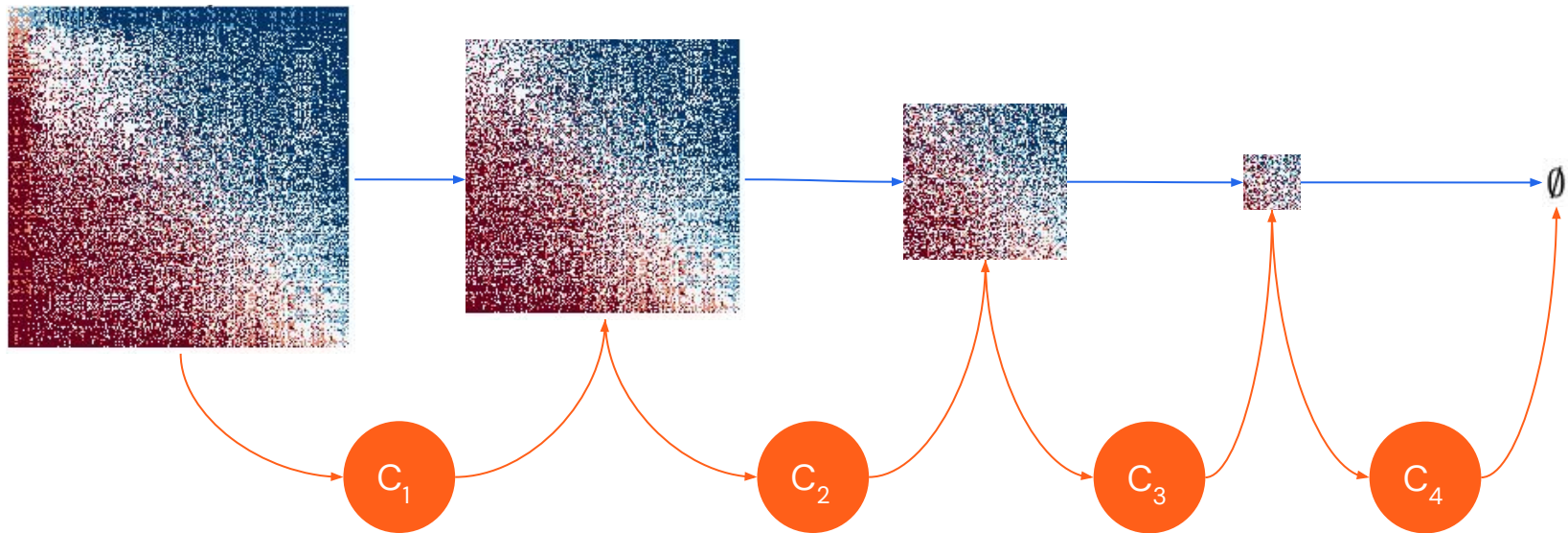


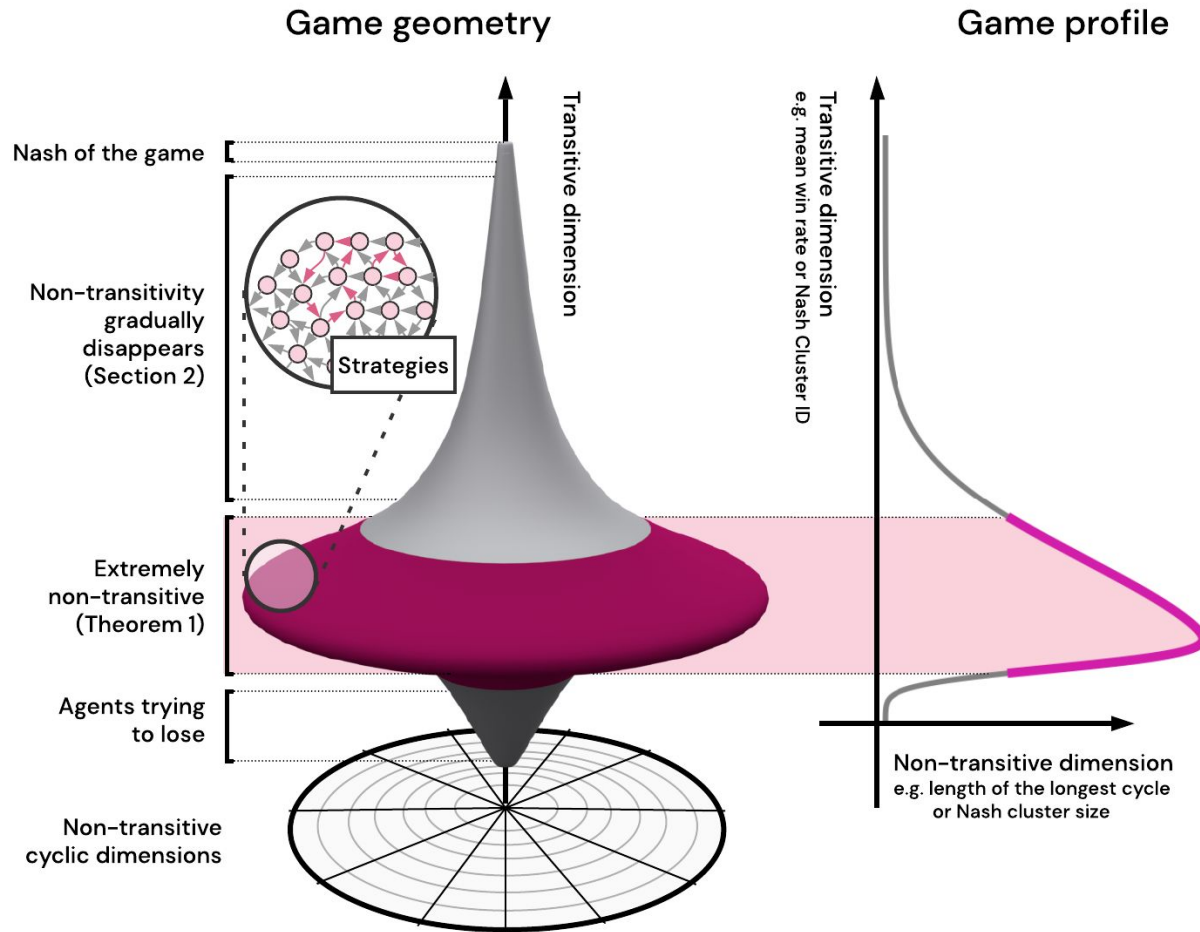
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Theorem 2. *Nash clustering satisfies* $\text{RPP}(\mathbf{C}_i, \mathbf{C}_j) \geq 0$ for each $j > i$.





Empirical Verification

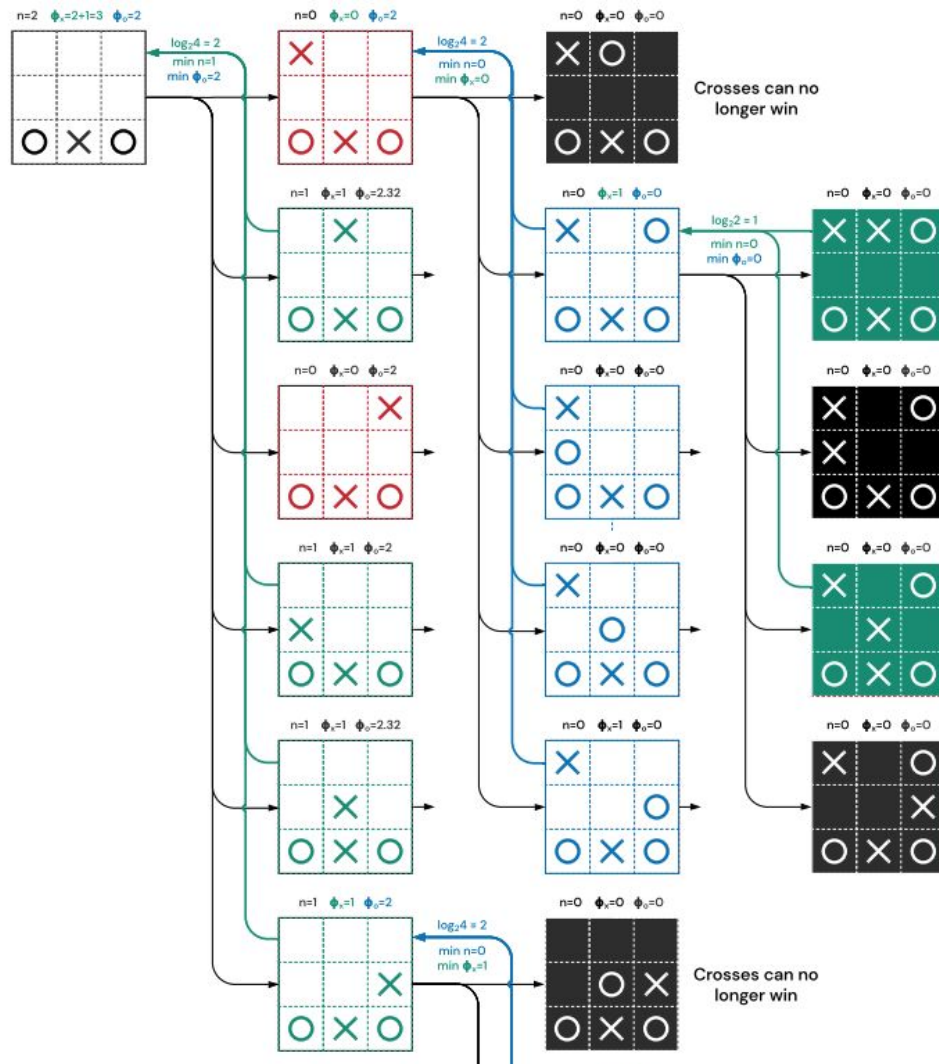
OpenSpiel [\[LINK\]](#)



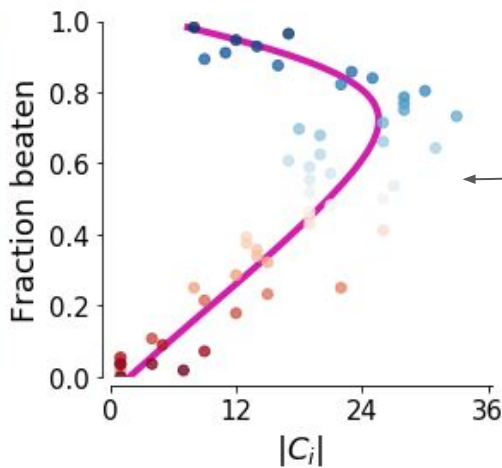
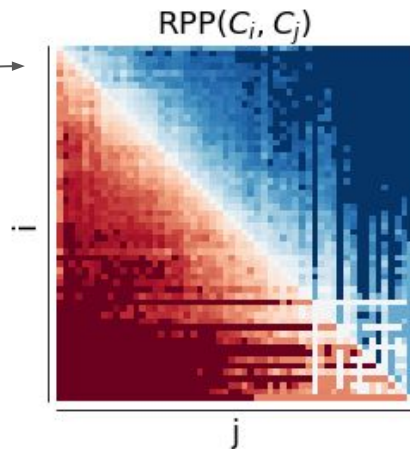
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We rely on **empirical game theory** through sampling

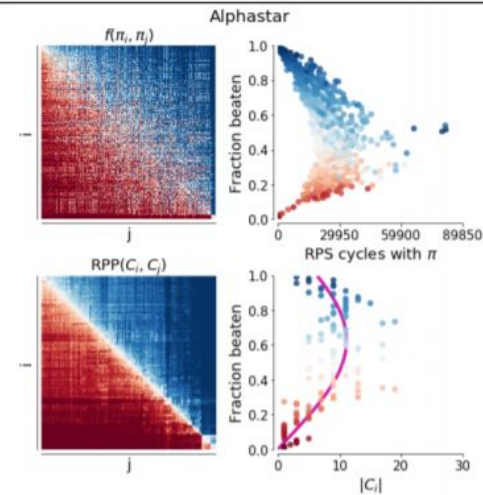
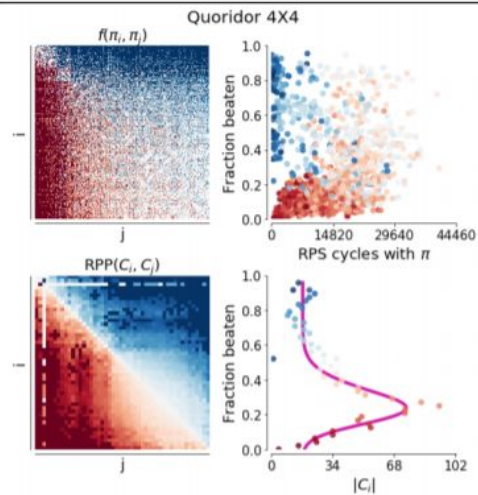
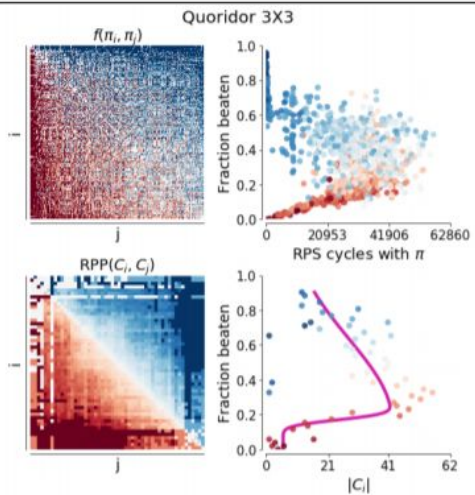
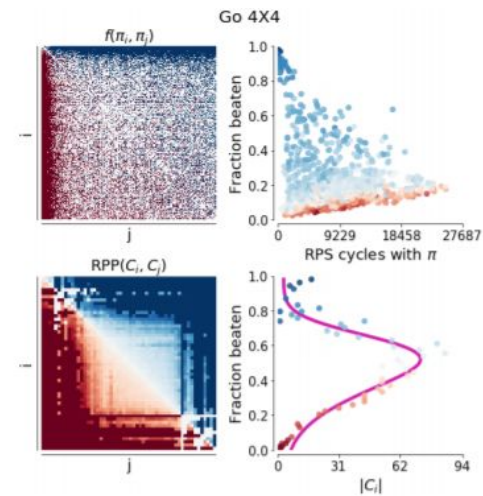
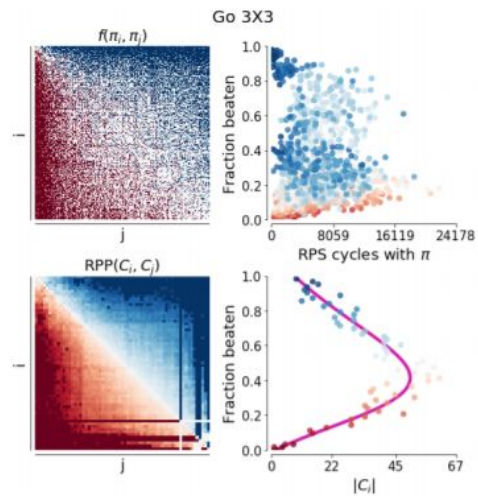
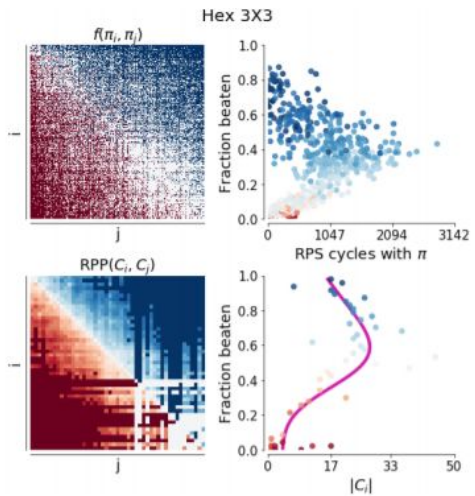
An open question: can the analysis be done implicitly through the game tree traversal?



Nash clustering + RPP creates transitive structure (Theorem 2)



Sizes of Nash clusters denote "non-transitivity" at each level

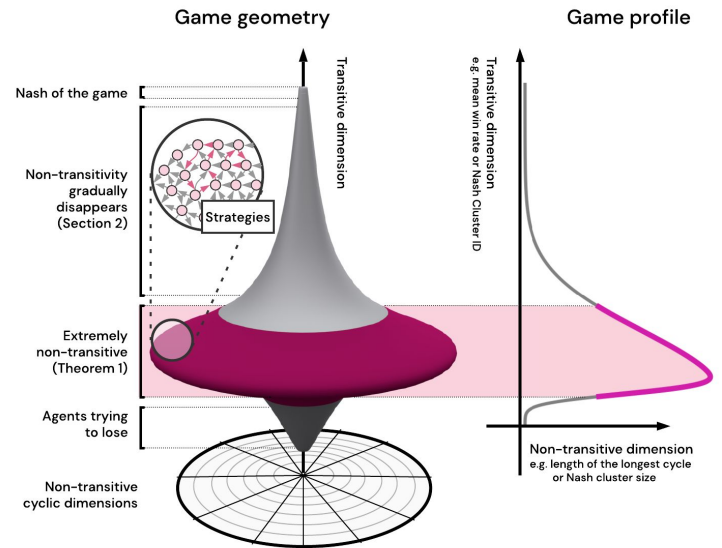


Conclusion:

Empirical and Theoretical evidence that in **real world game**:

- Huge number of strategies.
- But tiny number of **Good** strategies
- Spinning top shape.

(The worst you get the more strategies there is)



Thank you !