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Discovering emerging Effects in Learning Networks with Simulations



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Agenda

1. Why using simulations for research in Learning Networks?
2. Appropriated simulation frameworks
3. Methodology approach for designing simulations
4. Research focus on simulations for LNs
5. Expectations \ Open questions

Emerging Effects

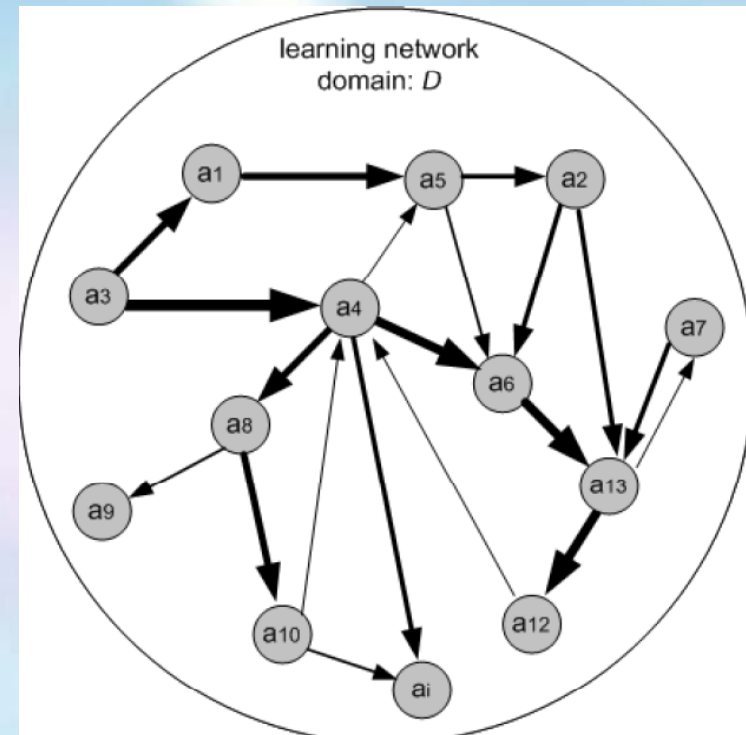
[Example of an emerged effect](#)

1. Why using simulations for research in Learning Networks?

- Emerging behavior of learners in LNs (Navigation support)

Why simulations:

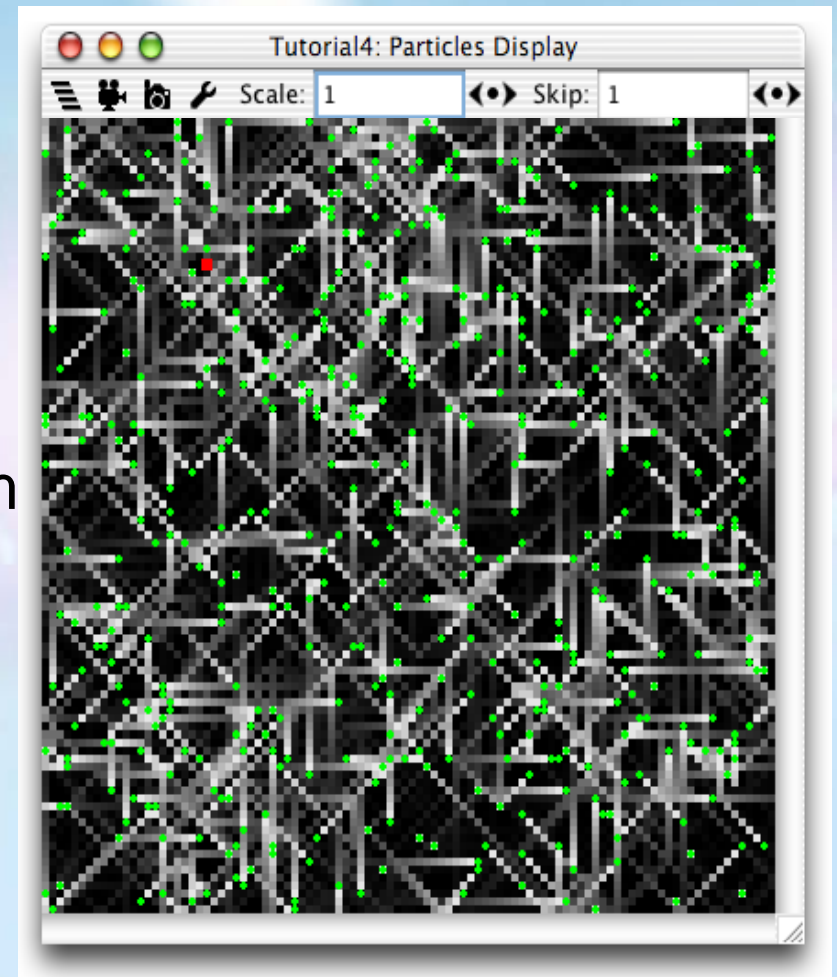
- Limited availability of LNs
- Experiments are cost intensive and limited in time, amount of learners and UoLs



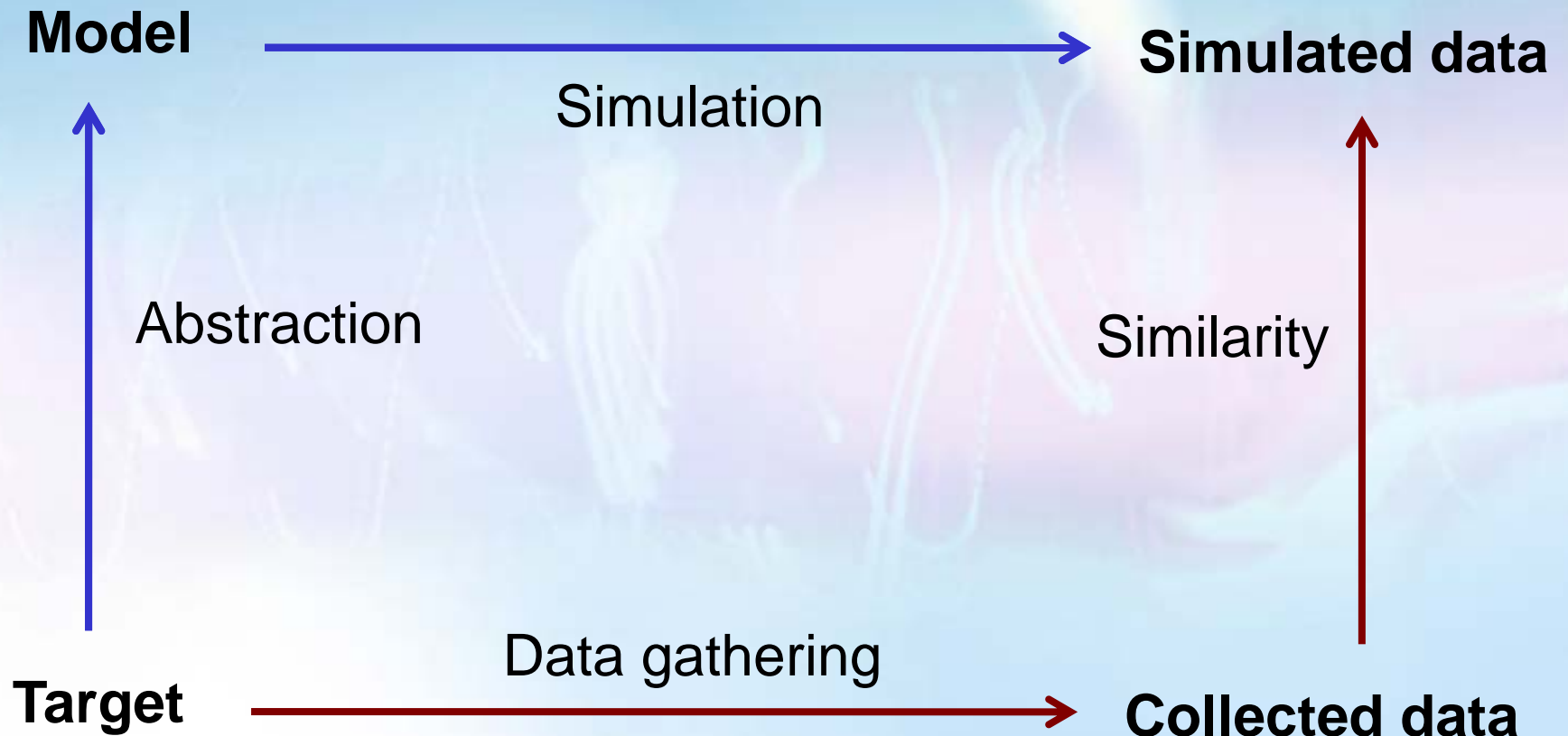
Especially research in emerging effects requires **long term perspectives** and **huge amount of learners**. [ISIS Example]

2. Appropriated simulation frameworks

- 1. **RePast**
Highlevel platform
- 2. **MASON**
(programmable application)
- 3. **scape**
- 4. **Netlogo**
- 4. **Swarm**
- 5. **StarLogo**
- 5. **TeamBots**
- 6. **Player/Stage**
- 7. **Brew** & library platform
- 8. **StarLogo** frameworks
- 8. **StarLogo**
- 9. **Netlogo**
- 9. **MASON**
- 10. **Processing**
- 11. **Rebast**
- 11. **MadKit**
- 11. **Java Swarm**
- 12. **Cormas**
- 13. **Magsy**
- 14. **Simpack**



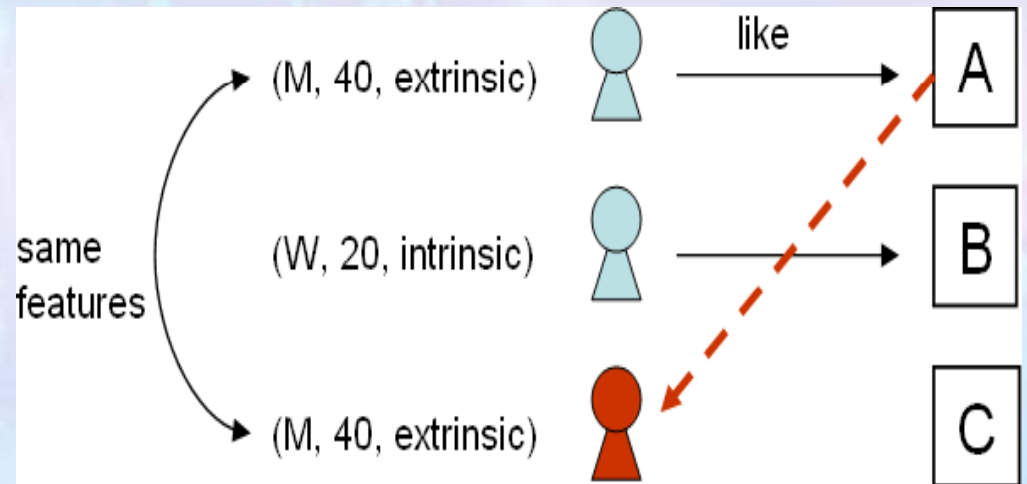
3. Methodology Approach for Simulations



4. Research focus on a LN simulation

Exploration of different kinds of bottom-up recommendation algorithm on different sized LNs.

1. User-based filtering
2. Item-based filtering
3. Tag-based filtering



4. Research focus on a LN simulation

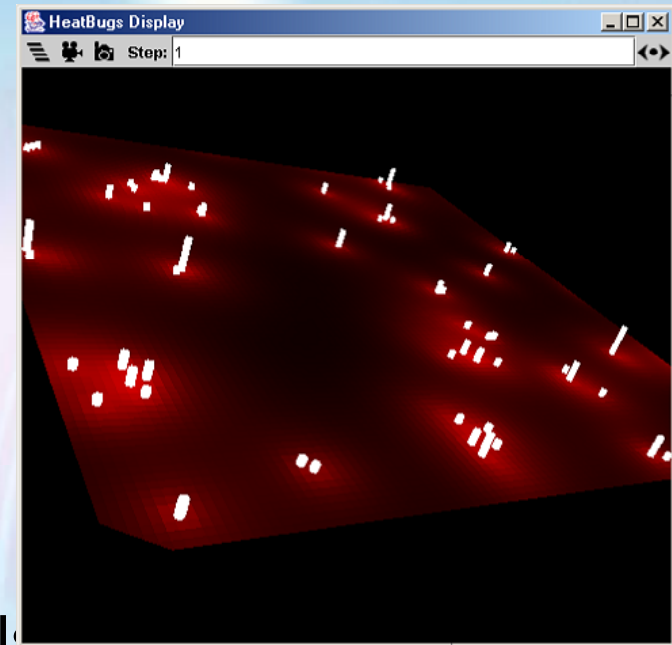
Measuring performance of three algorithms in three different sized LNs on :

Classic Learning Theory Measures:

- Goal attainment
- Time to reach goal
- Dropout rate

Social Network Aspects:

- Connectivity (Exploration of the LNs through Learners)
- Centrality (importance of a Learner, count of the number of ties)
- Closeness (sum of the shortest distances learners)
- Variety of paths



Expectations \ Open Questions

Expectations:

- Conditions of LNs in which specific algorithms perform better than others.
- An Evaluation approach for the combination of SNA techniques with *Learning Theory Measures*

Open Questions:

- How can we observe / and measure what emerges?
- What kind of statistical analysis is needed?
- How to combine SNA measures with classic learning research?
- How to integrated user tagging into a simulation?

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