

Tipping point in evolutionary games on networks triggered by zealots

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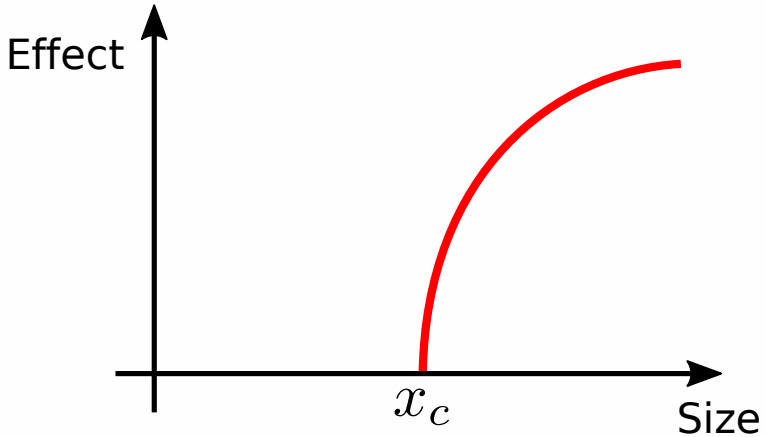












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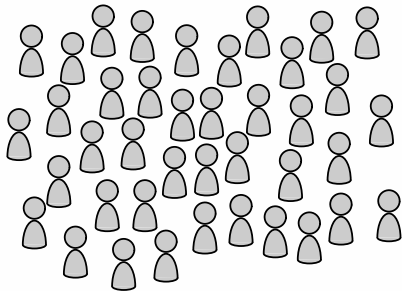
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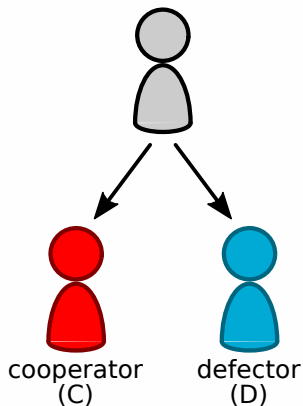
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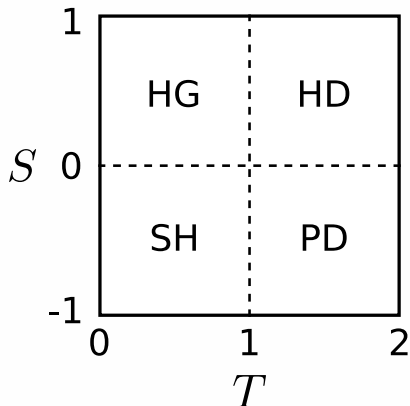
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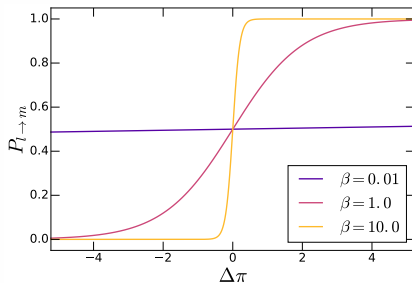
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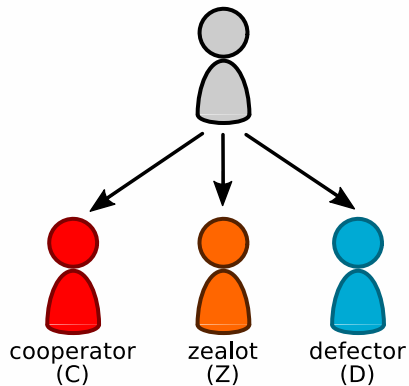
- Strategies evolve according to the **Fermi rule**

$$P_{X \leftarrow Y} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\beta(\pi_Y - \pi_X)}} \quad \beta \in [0, \infty[$$



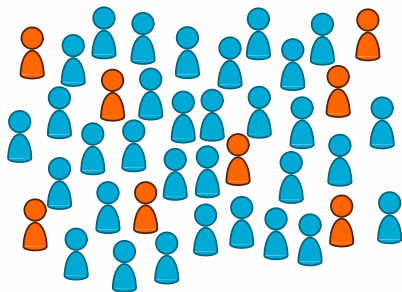
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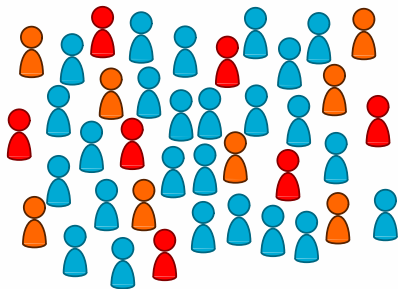
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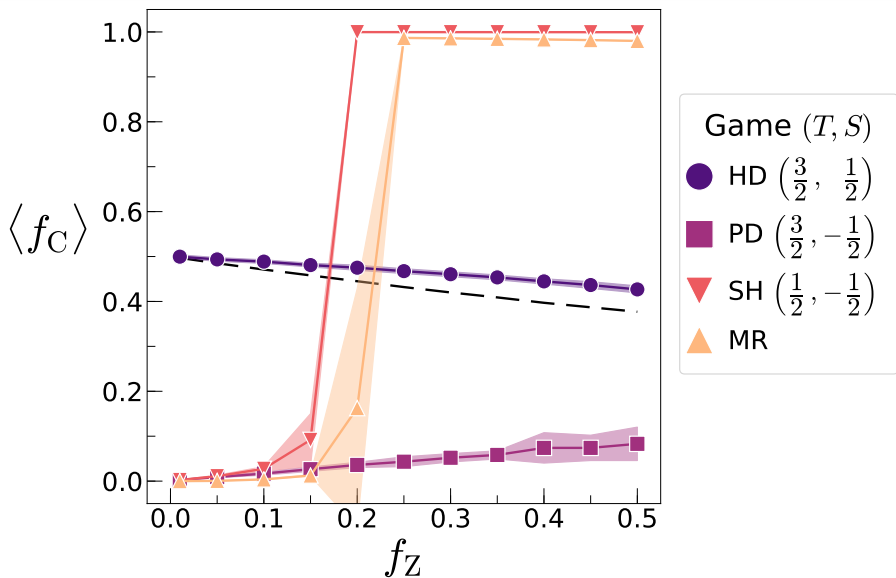
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- Compute fraction of cooperators **among normal agents**, f_C

$$f_C = \frac{N_C}{(1 - f_Z) N} \quad f_C \in [0, 1]$$

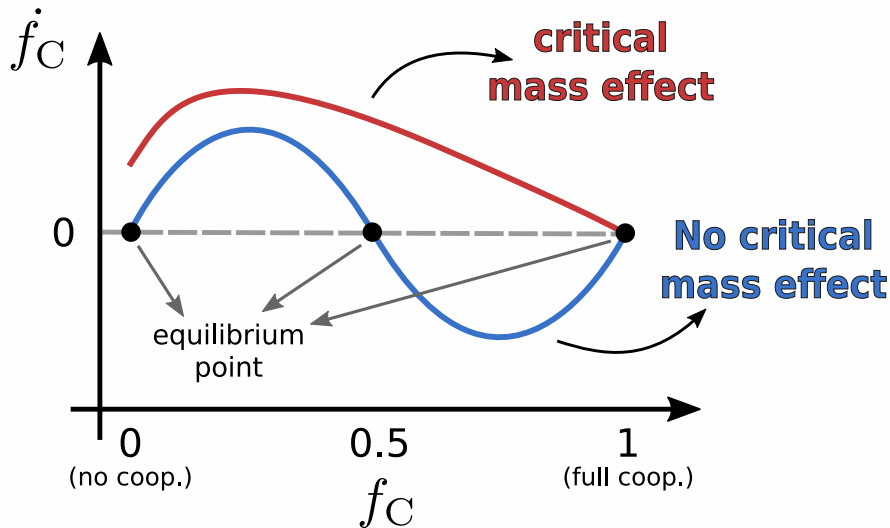
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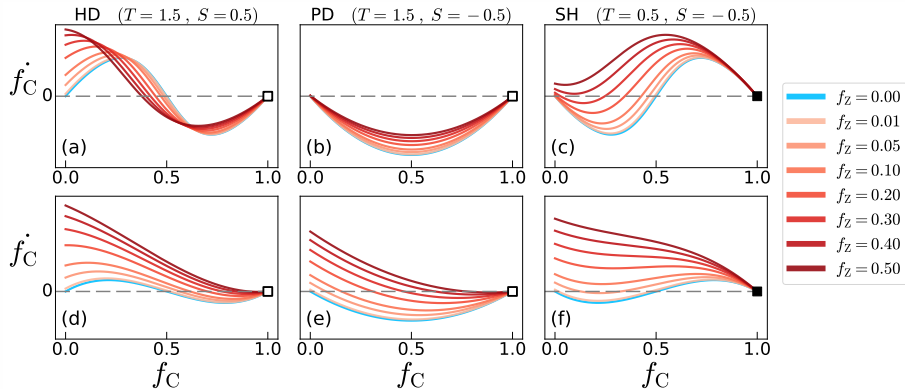


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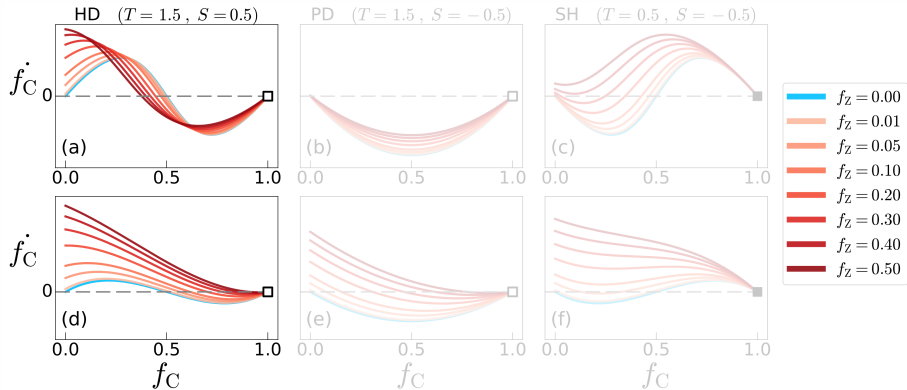
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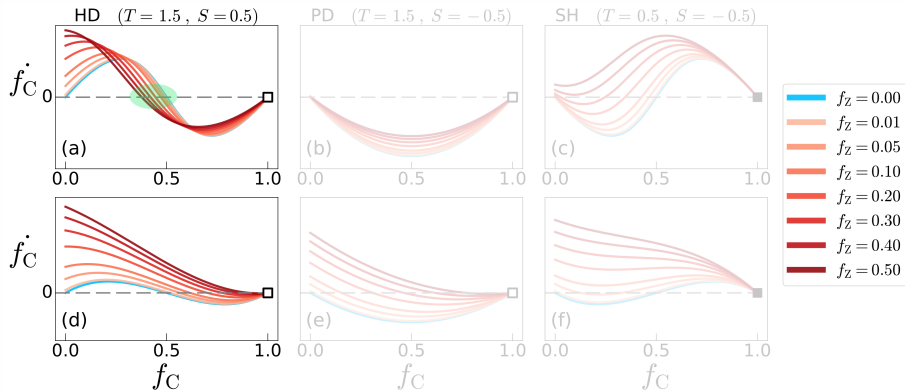
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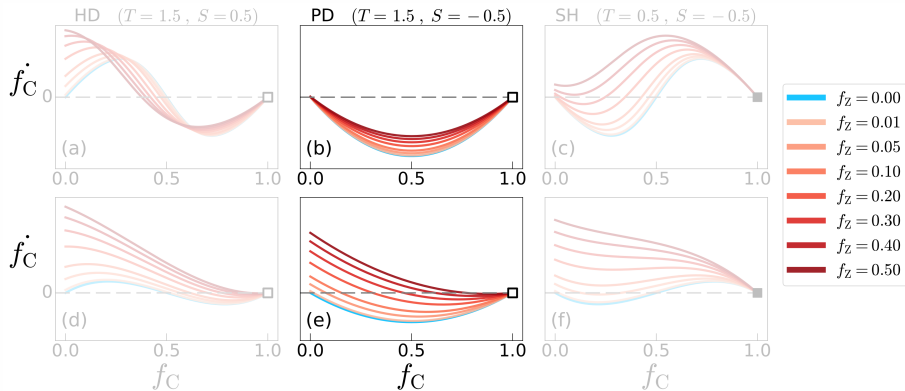
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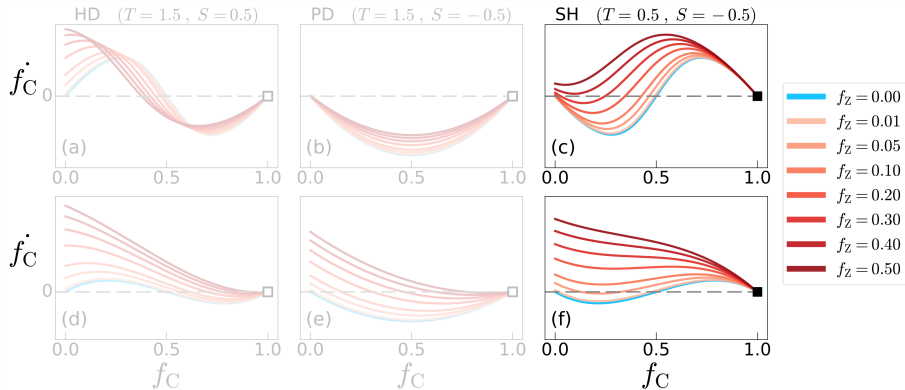
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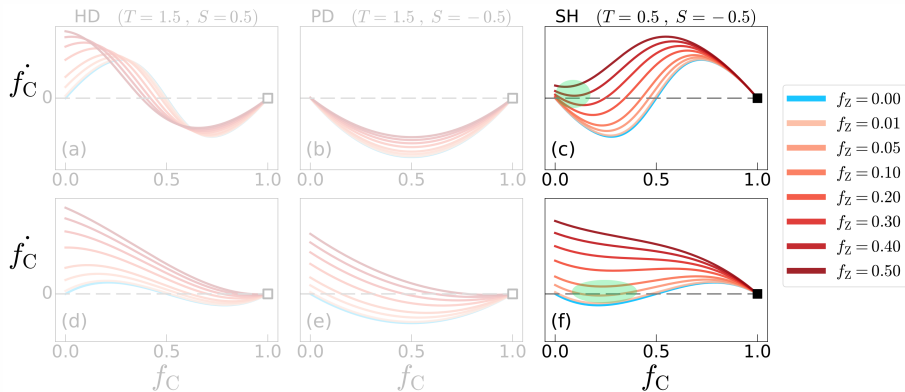
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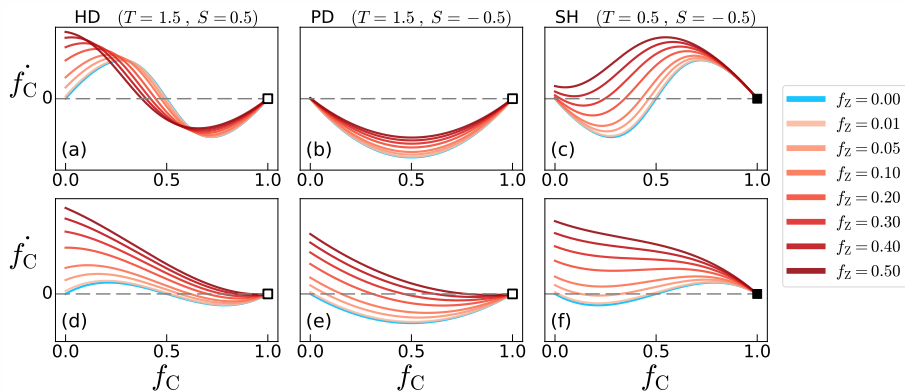
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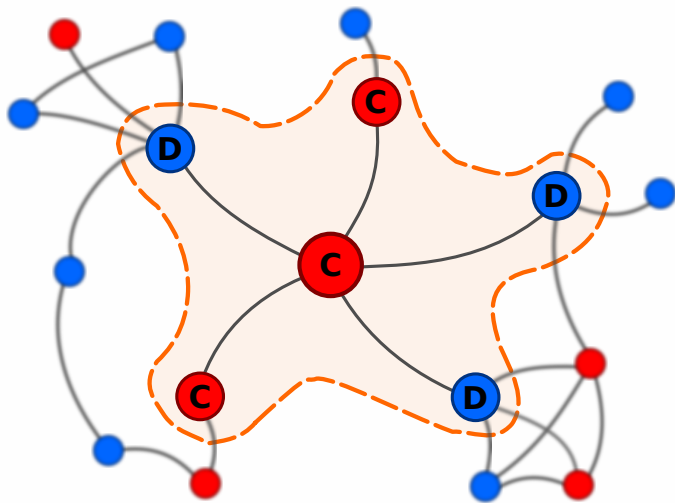
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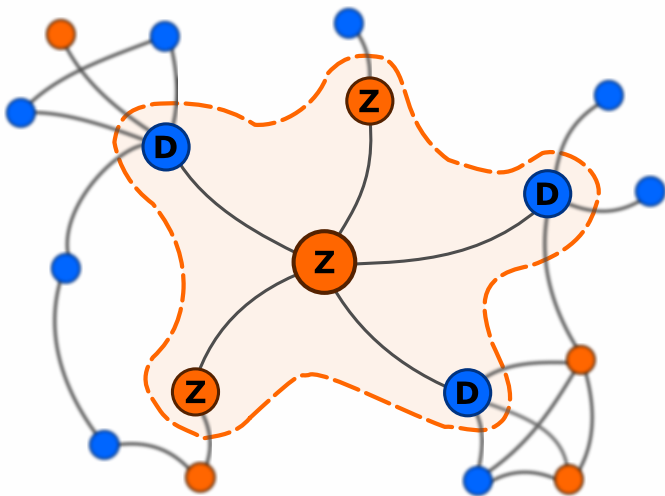
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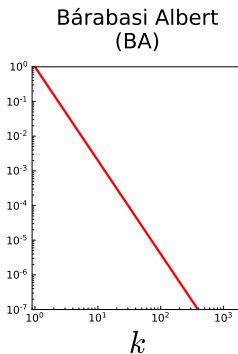
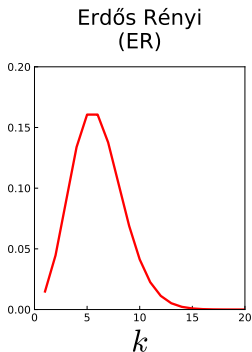
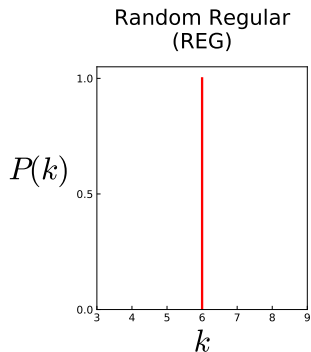
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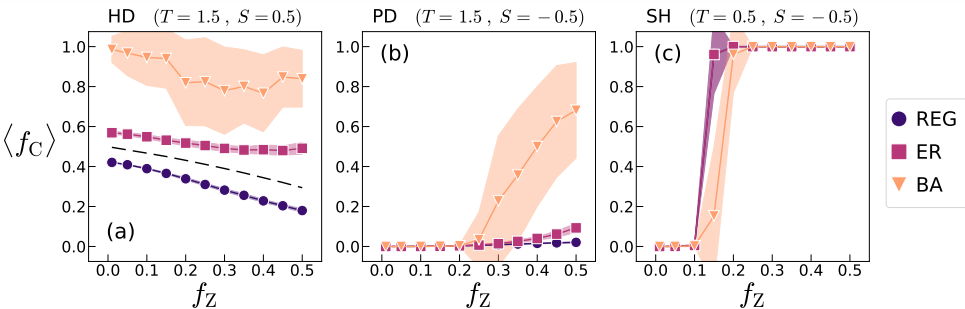
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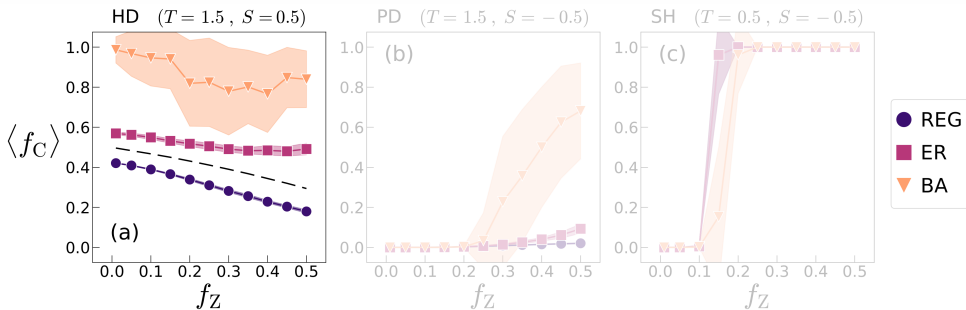
Note:

All nets have $N = 1000$ and $\langle k \rangle = 6$

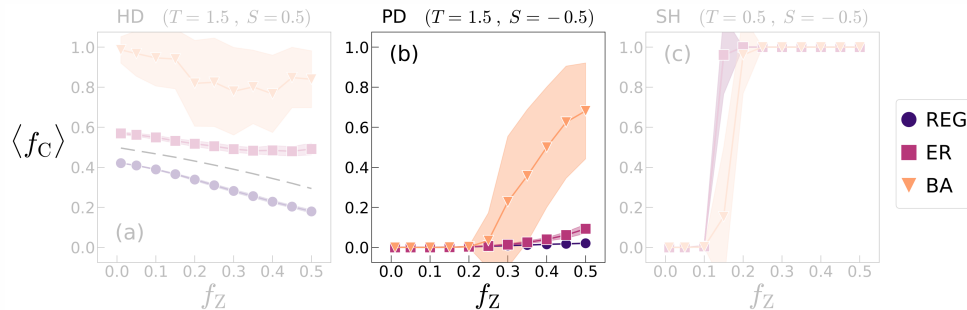
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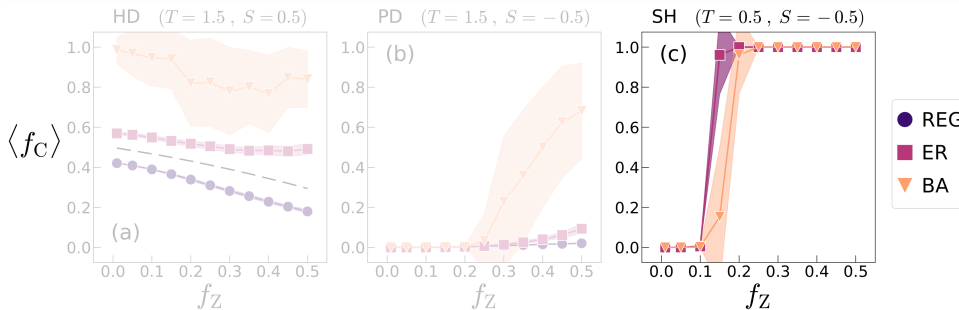
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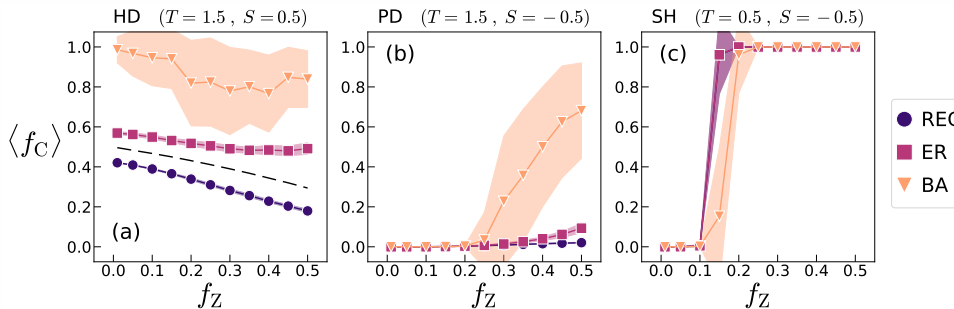
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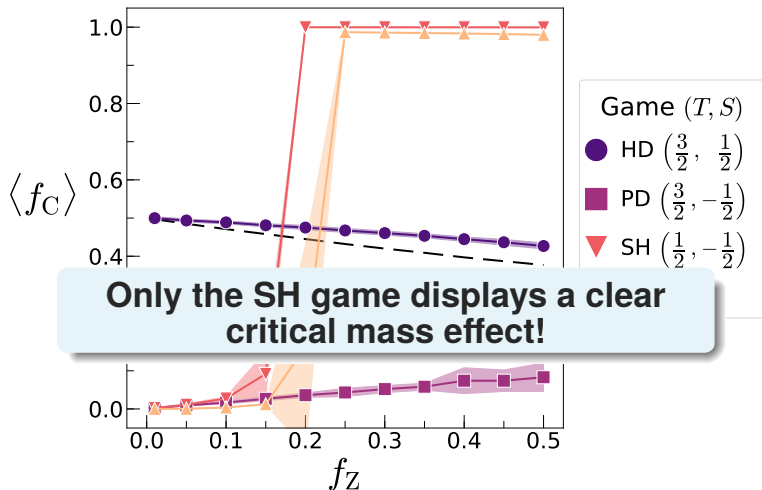


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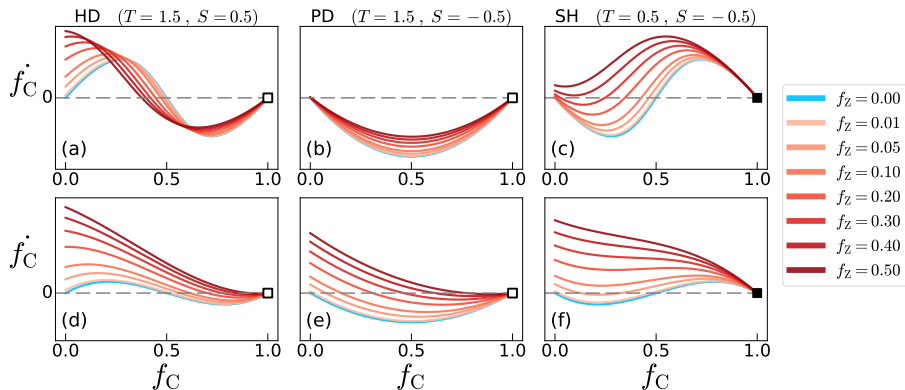
Zealots nodes are placed **at random**!

Summing up ...

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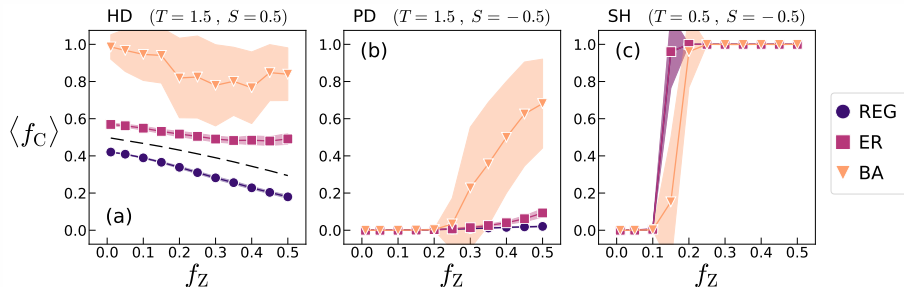


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Reducing the selection pressure (or changing the update rule) can trigger the appearance of a critical mass effect

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The topology of the interactions plays a crucial role!

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