

Time-scale Differences Will Influence the Regulation Required in an Idealised AI Race Game

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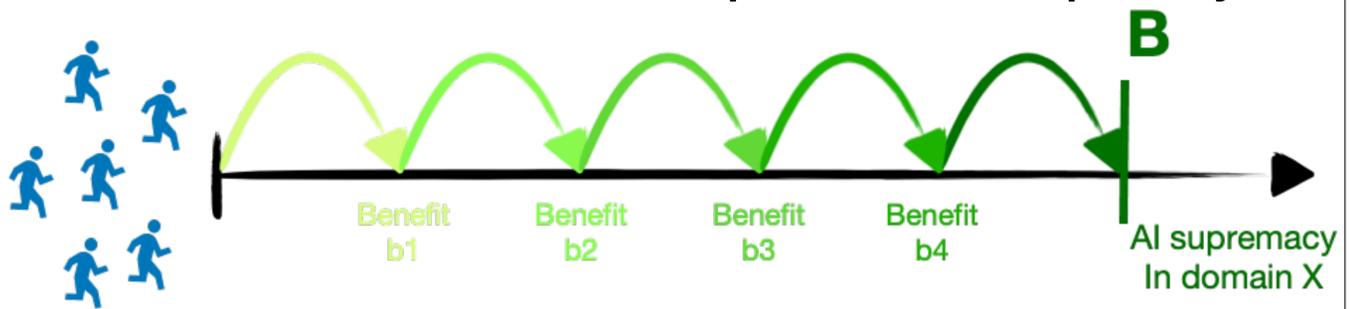


- ◆ A race for technological supremacy could lead to serious negative consequences (e.g. unsafe extra speedy development).
- ◆ Little attention has been given to understanding the dynamics and emergence of safety behaviours arising from an AI race.
- ◆ We use Evolutionary Game Theory (EGT) to build models of competition and cooperation among AI development teams.
- ◆ Besides the level of risk, the timescale to reach supremacy in an AI domain decides the regulatory action required for maximizing societal benefit.

An Evolutionary Game Model of AI Racing



Several advancements are required to reach supremacy



What are the key factors influencing the AI Race?

- Time scale of the AI race
- Risk perception
- Inequalities, networks
- Incentives, regulation

- ✓ AI Race is modeled as a repeated game with two options **SAFE** and **UNSAFE** in each round.
- ✓ Playing **SAFE** is more costly and takes more time than playing **UNSAFE**.
- ✓ We study a well-mixed population of AI teams
 - **AS**: always plays SAFE
 - **AU**: always plays UNSAFE
 - **CS**: conditionally playing SAFE



(I) Compliance Zone

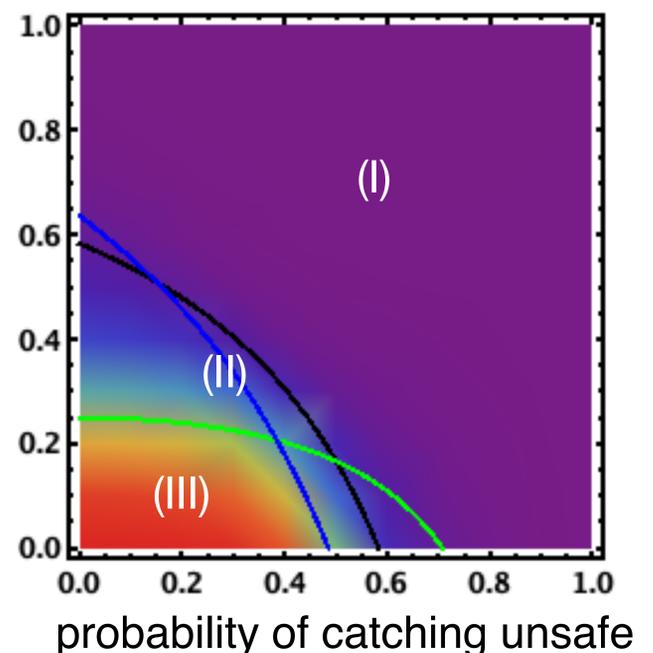
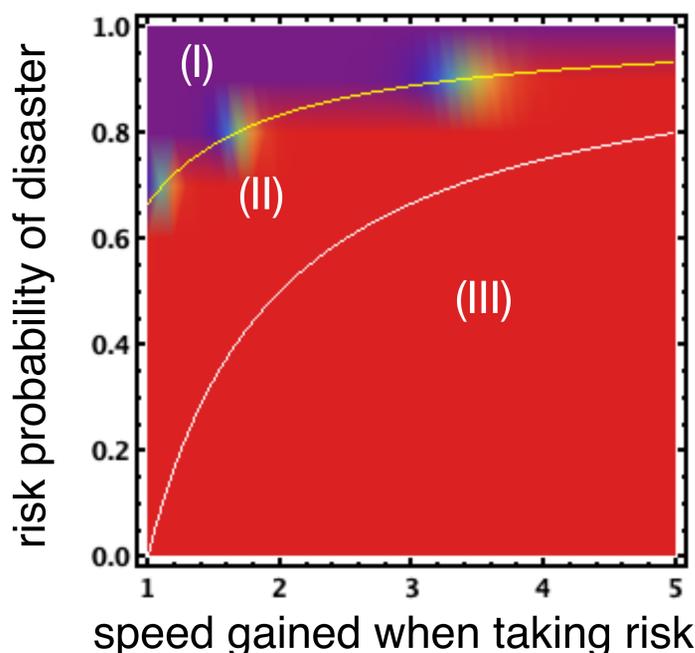
(II) Dilemma Zone

(III) Innovation Zone

When regulation is required?

Short-term AI requires regulation of unsafe

Long-term AI requires promotion of risk-taking



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