

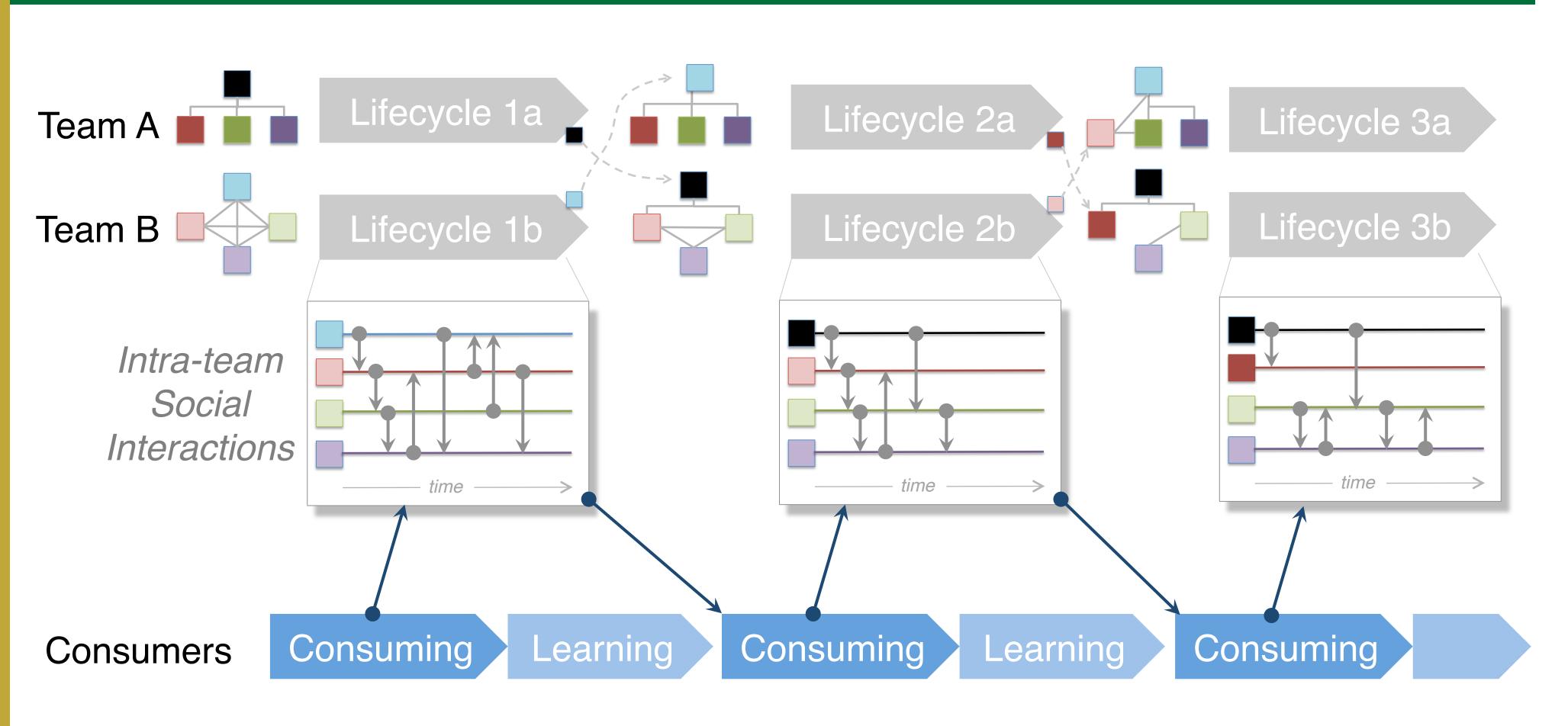
Innovation Cycle of Engineering Design Teams

Computational Modeling Using Situated Social Cognitive Agents

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Question: How are teams affected by migration of team members across lifecycles?

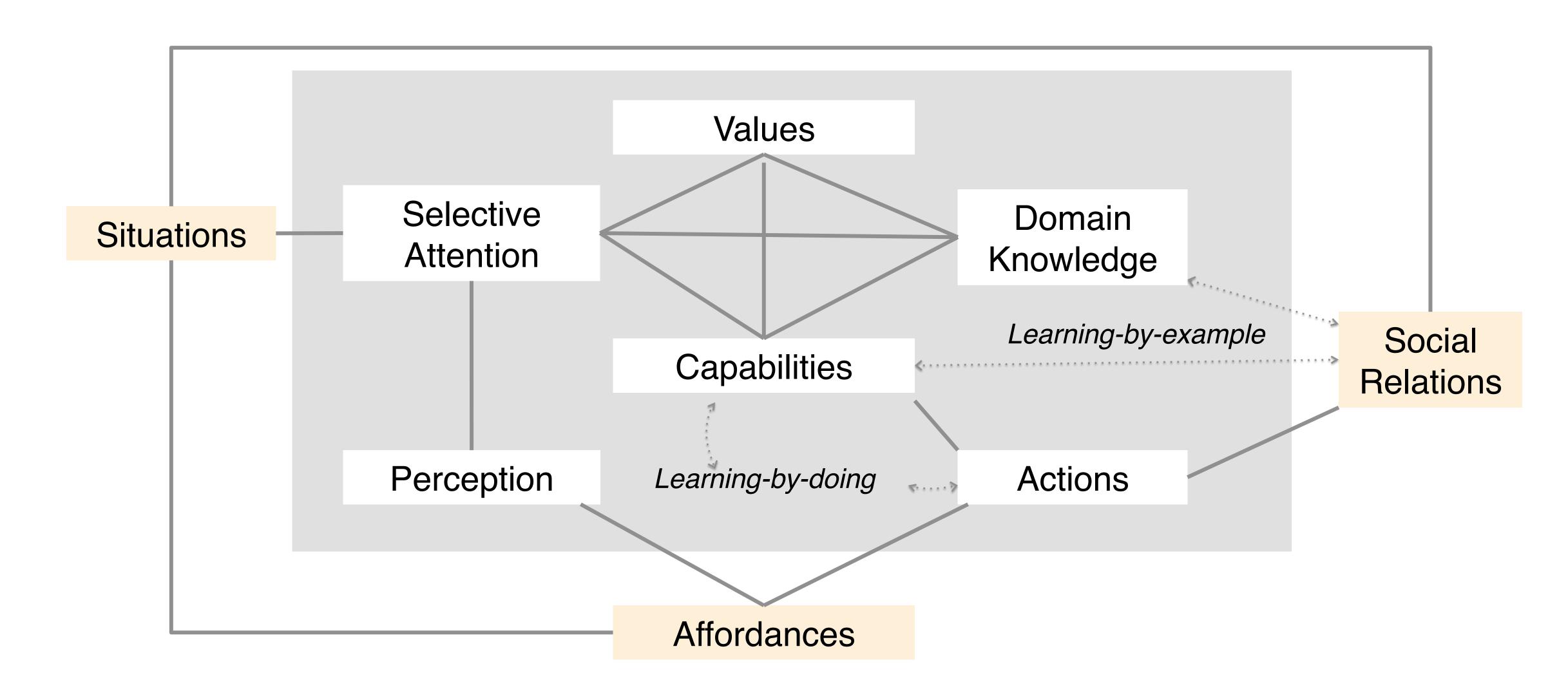
System of Interest



- Tacit learning from previous teams and projects
- Heterogeneous team styles, division of labor, sophistication, etc.
- Social interaction between team members, social learning
- Social interaction between products and consumers
- Team learning of consumer behavior

Process Design Lifecycle **Designing Process** *Lines Form teams, Frames Set goals *Joints Make process Final **→**Subdesign process assemblies decisions* design revise *Process parameters Evaluate Bond preferences product results Possible Consumer yield & mix Interpretations consumption **Product** Consumers

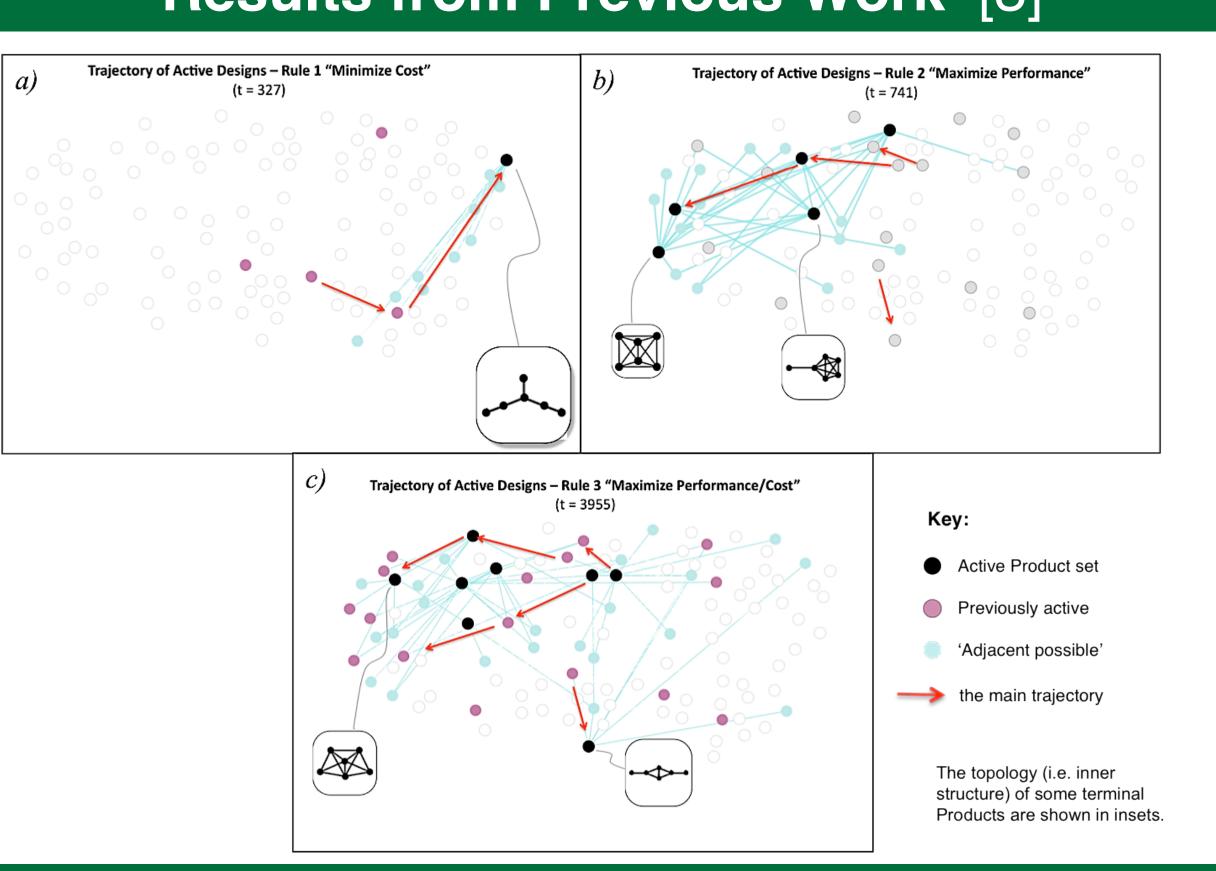
Design Agent Architecture



Illustrative Experiment

- Independent variables:
 - Migration rate (high vs. low)
 - Learning-by-example rate (high vs. low)
- Dependent variables:
 - Process sophistication
 - Product sophistication
 - Customer utility

Results from Previous Work [3]



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