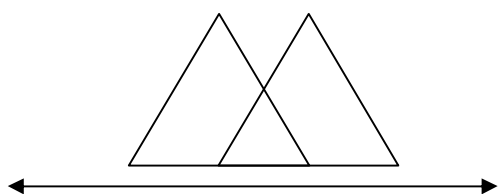
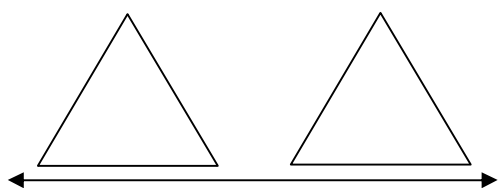


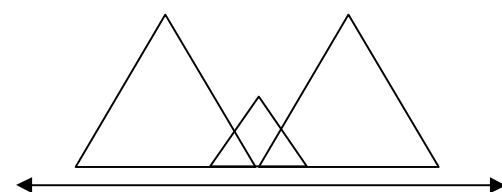
FIG. 2: Patterns of Competition in the European Party Systems



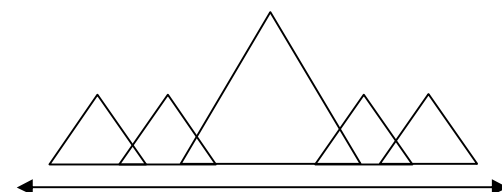
Bilateral Distribution (*Two-Party System*, Sartori 1976), i.e. Great Britain until 2005, Spain, Norway, Sweden, France since the 80s



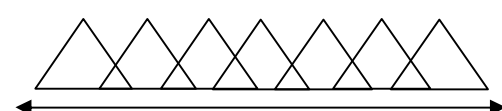
Polarized Bilateral Distribution (*Polarized Bipolarism*, Ieraci 2007), i.e. Italy 1994-2010, Eastern and Central European countries



Bilateral Distribution with Pivot (*Two-and-a-Half Party System*, Blondel 1968), i.e. Austria and Germany, Great Britain 2010



Multilateral Distribution with Dominant Party (*Polarized Pluralism*, Sartori 1976), i.e. Italy 1948-1992, France IV Republic



Multilateral Distribution with no Dominant Party (*Moderate Pluralism and Fragmented Party System*, Sartori 1976), i.e. Netherlands, Belgium, Eastern and Central European