
MGS

a DSL for modeling and simulating (DS)²

Demonstration

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 - Interaction-based modeling
 - Presentation of MGS
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 - Lindemayer Systems
 - Chemical-like Systems
 - Cellular Automata
 - Multi-agent Systems

Lindenmayer Systems

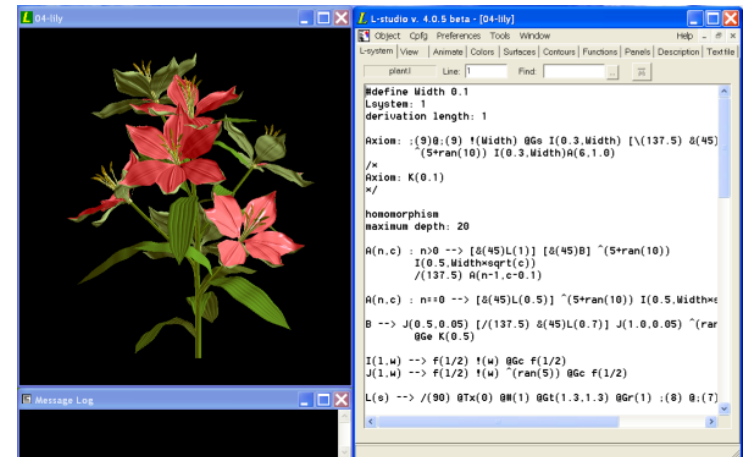
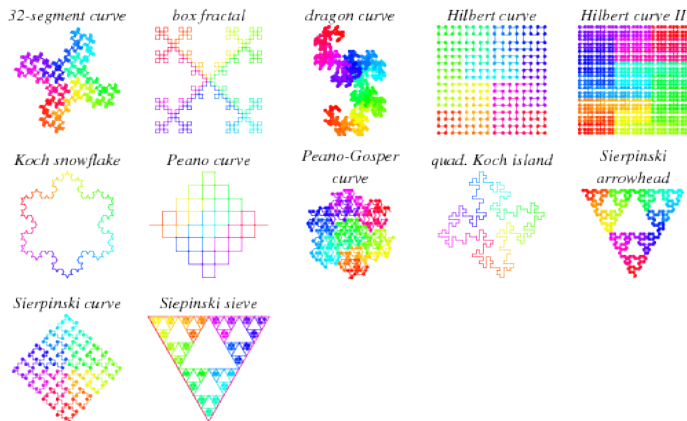
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- Grammar rules $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ where α and β are words + starting axiom ω_0
- Maximal-parallel application of the rules
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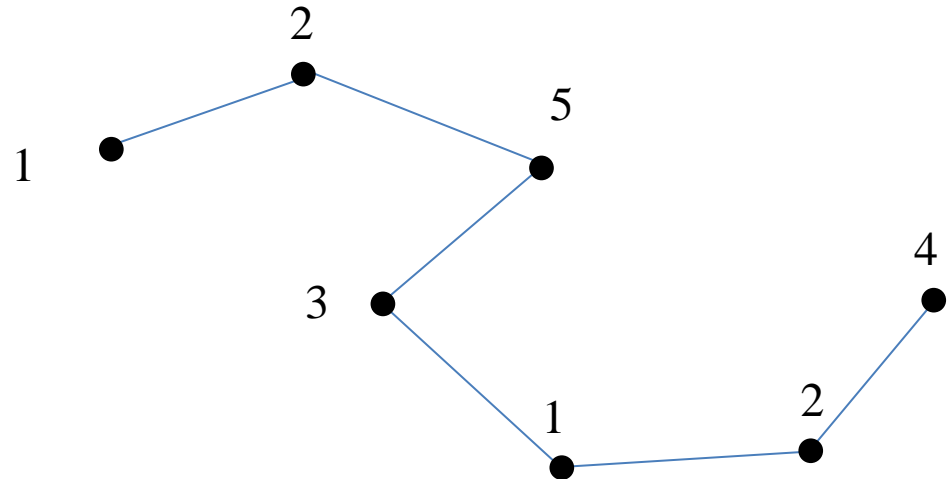
L-studio, <http://algorithmicbotany.org>

Lindenmayer Systems

■ In MGS

- Topological collection
 - Words represented by sequence of symbols
 - 0-cells (vertices) labelled by symbols
 - 1-cells (edges) neighborhood (elements accessed one after the other)

seq: (1, 2, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4)



- Transformation
 - Maximal/parallel rule application strategy (default in MGS)

Lindenmayer Systems

- Symbolic growth model of *Anabaena Catenula*
 - Filamentous cyanobacteria

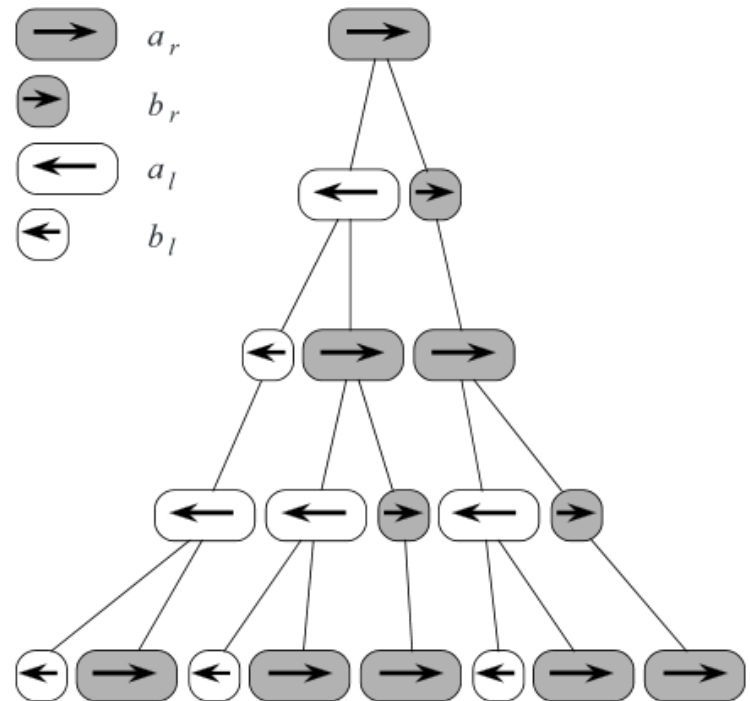


Lindenmayer Systems

■ Symbolic growth model of *Anabaena Catenula*

- Filamentous cyanobacteria
- Asymmetric division: one daughter is smaller than the other
- Polarized cell (left/right orientation)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \omega_0 = a_r \\ a_r \rightarrow a_l b_r \\ a_l \rightarrow b_l a_r \\ b_r \rightarrow a_r \\ b_l \rightarrow a_l \end{array} \right.$$



[The Algorithmic Beauty of Plants](#)

Lindenmayer Systems

■ Symbolic growth model of *Anabaena Catenula*

```
type cell = `Left_Long | `Right_Long
           | `Left_Short | `Right_Short ;;
type anabaena = [cell]seq ;;

trans grammar = {

  `Right_Short => `Right_Long;

  `Left_Short  => `Left_Long;

  `Right_Long  => `Left_Long, `Right_Short;

  `Left_Long   => `Left_Short, `Right_Long;

} ;;

grammar(seq: (`Right_Long)) ;;
```

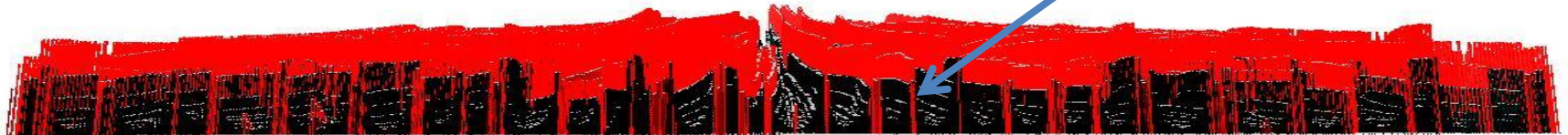

Lindenmayer Systems

■ Heterocysts Differentiation in *Anabaena Catenula*

- Lack of nitrogen
- Robust structure
 - Heterocysts are very regularly distributed (every 10 cells)
- Wilcox Model
 - Activator/inhibitor
 - Activator triggers the differentiation
 - Activator catalyzes the inhibitor production
 - Inhibitor represses the activator effects (antagonism)
- L-system implemented in MGS

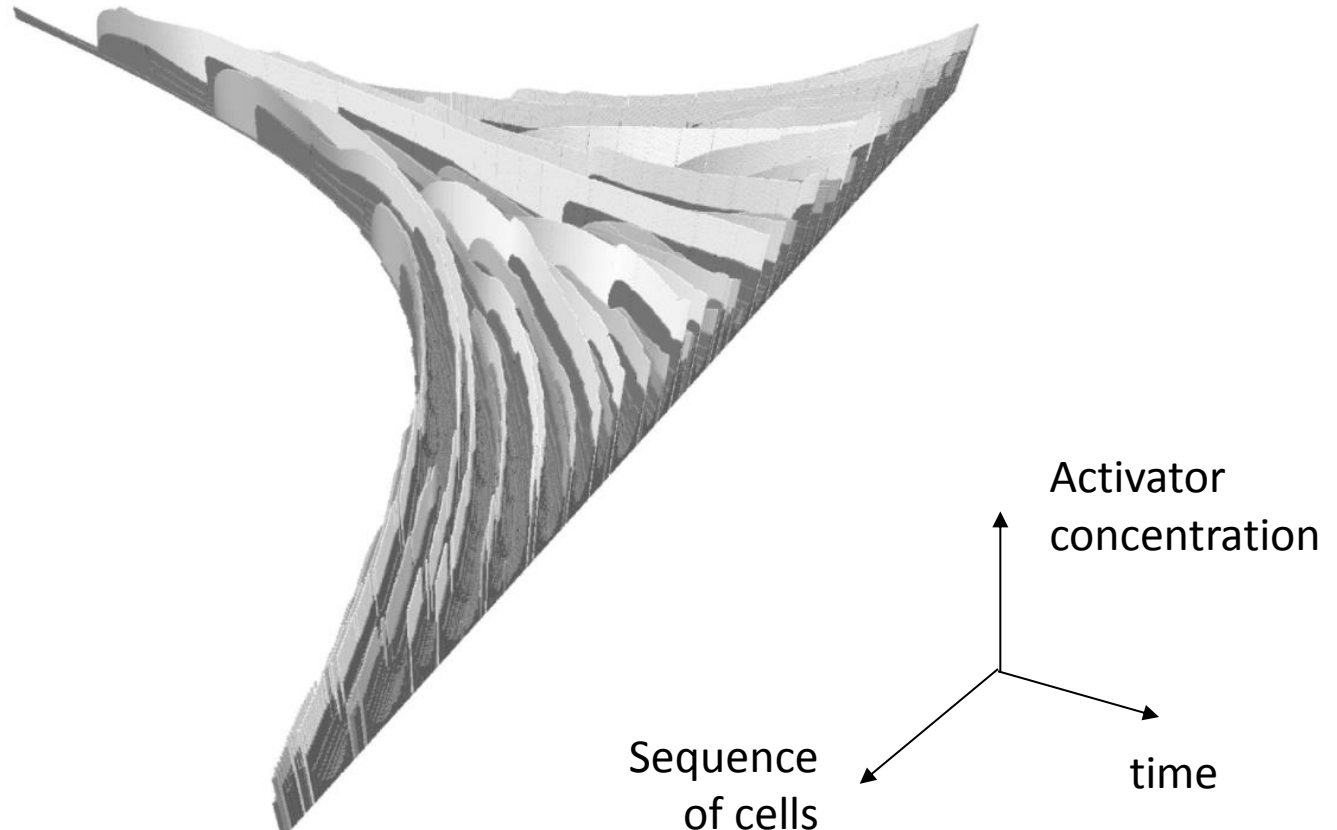


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Chemical Modeling



■ Short description

- Model as a chemical system
- Highly parallel & autonomous
- *Chemical metaphor*
 - Solution of data (data = chemicals)
 - Dynamics governed by chemical reactions
- Used in theory of computer science
 - Gamma programming language, Banâtre, Le Metayer, 1986
 - CHAM (CHemical Abstract Machine), Berry, Boudole, 1990
 - Membrane computing
 - Extension to nested chemical reactions
- Can be used for modeling purpose

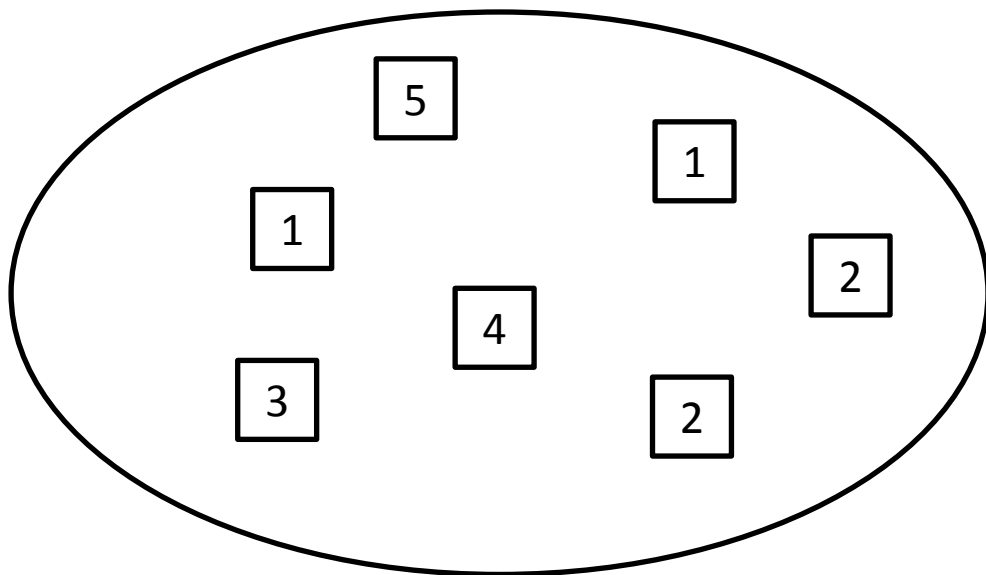
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■ In MGS

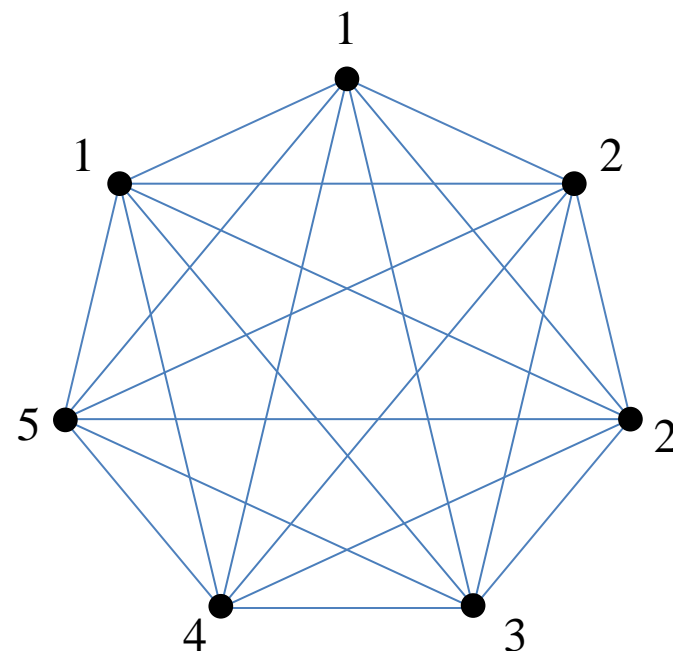
□ Topological collection

- Multi-set (bag) of symbols
- Topology of **complete graph**

Any symbol can interact with any other symbol



bag: (1, 2, 5, 3, 1, 2, 4)

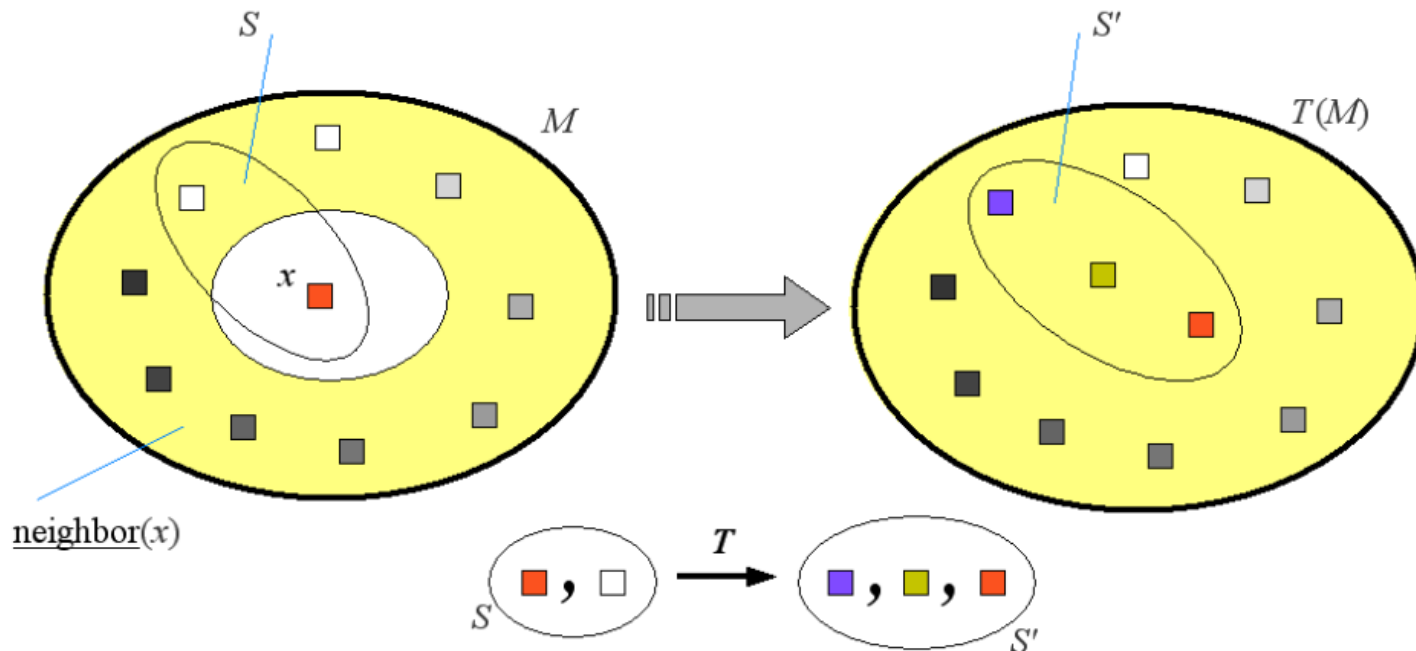


Chemical Modeling

■ In MGS

□ Transformation T

- Collection: multi-set M
- Topology: $\text{neighbor}(x) = M \setminus \{x\}$ (any other element)
- Subcollection: multi-set S



Chemical Modeling

■ In MGS

□ Rule application strategies

- Maximal parallel (used in computing theory)
- Gillespie's exact Stochastic Simulation Algorithm (1977)

□ Hypothesis

Data are “well-mixed”, only one reaction may occur at a given time

□ Stochastic sequential strategy

A rule is chosen and applied once w.r.t. some probability law (TCMC)

t : current date

τ : elapsed to next reaction

μ : chemical reaction

- c_μ : stochastic constant of reaction μ
- h_μ : number of molecular combinations to activate μ
- $a_\mu = c_\mu h_\mu$: propensity of reaction μ

Probability that

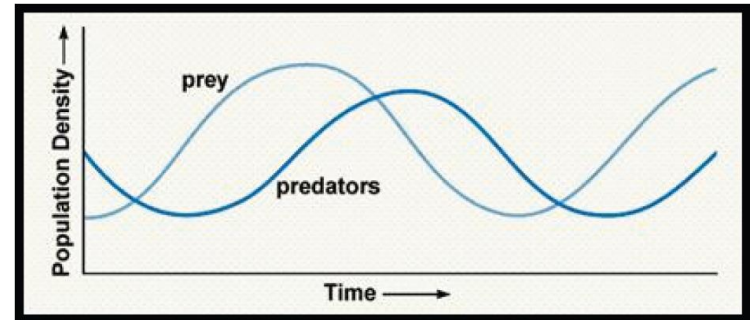
- nothing happens in the time interval $(t, t + \tau)$, and
- reaction μ occurs in the time interval $(t + \tau, t + \tau + d\tau)$

$$P(\tau, \mu) d\tau = a_\mu e^{-\tau \sum_\nu a_\nu} d\tau$$

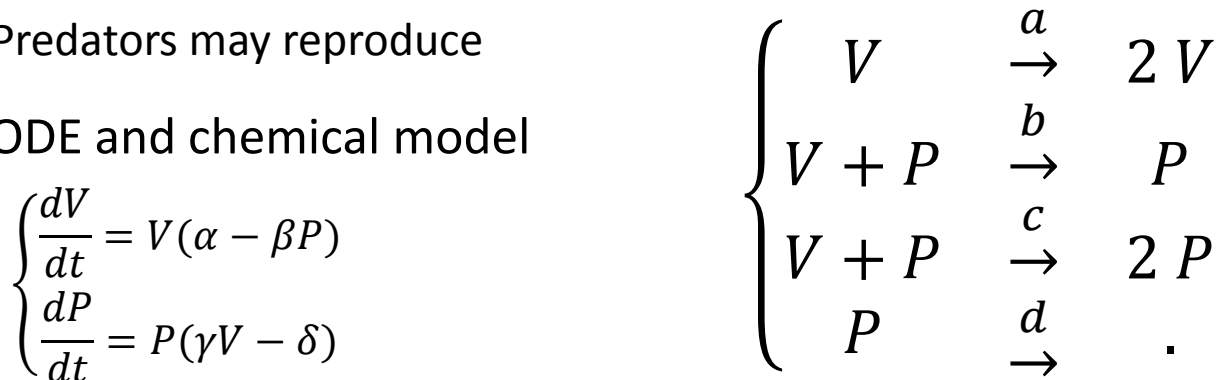
Chemical Modeling

■ Lotka-Volterra prey-predator system

- System exhibiting two interdependent populations, one of which serves as a food source for the other
- Coupled oscillations
- Informally
 - Preys spontaneously reproduce
 - Predators spontaneously die
 - Predators hunt preys
 - Preys may die
 - Predators may reproduce
- Models: ODE and chemical model



Sylvia S Mader, Biology 6th edition, 1998



Chemical Modeling

■ Lotka-Volterra prey-predator system

```
type chemical = `Prey | `Predator ;;
type population = [chemical]bag ;;


trans reactions = {

  `Prey          = { C = 1.0 } => `Prey, `Prey;
  `Predator      = { C = 1.0 } => <undef>;
  `Predator, `Prey = { C = 0.001 } => `Predator;
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} ;;

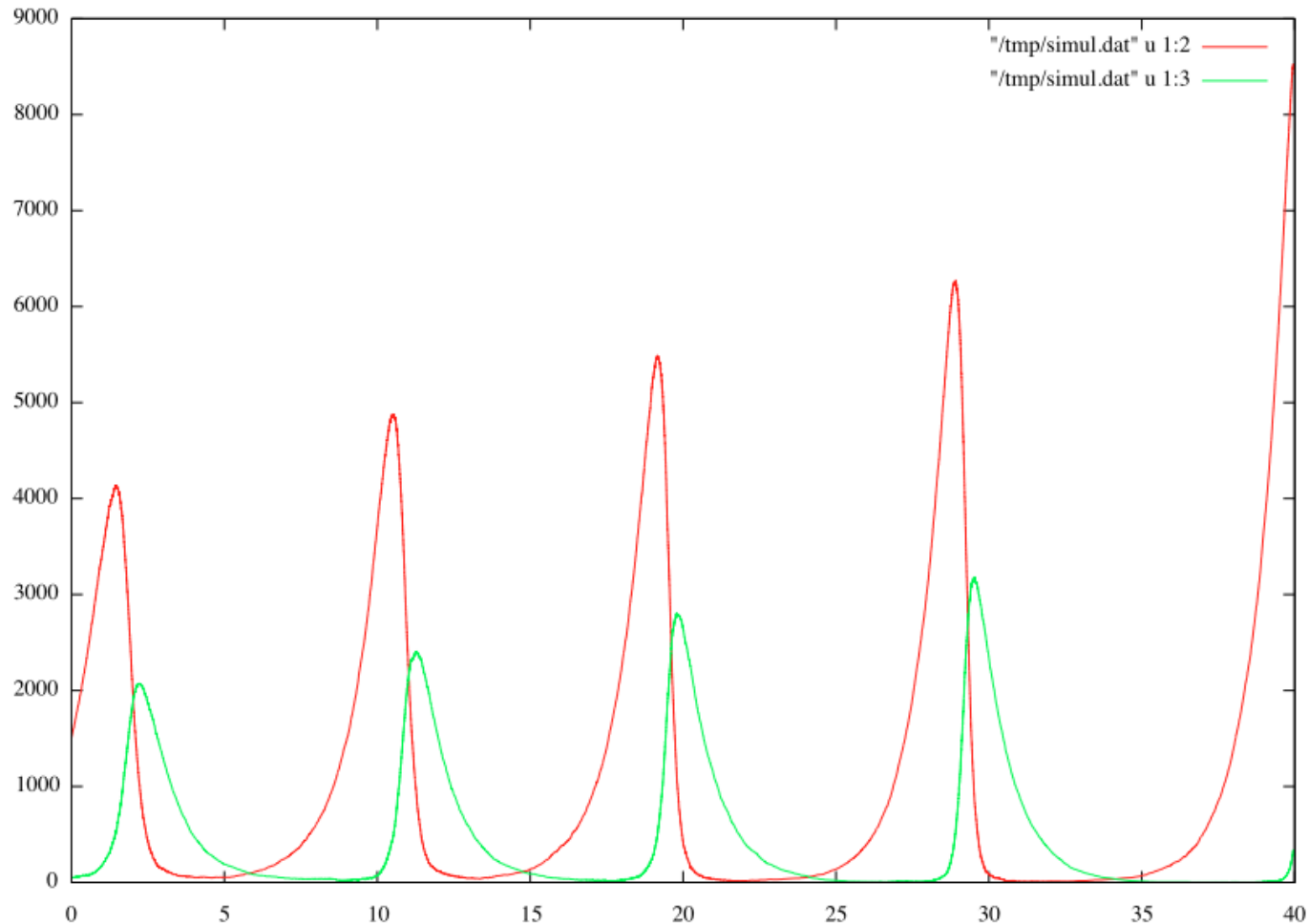
reactions[strategy = `gillespie](...) ;;
```

Constant stochastic



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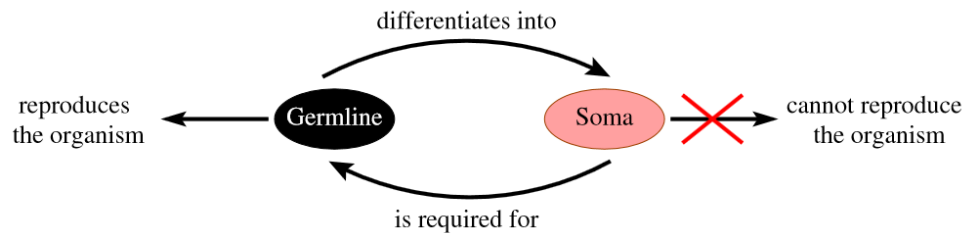
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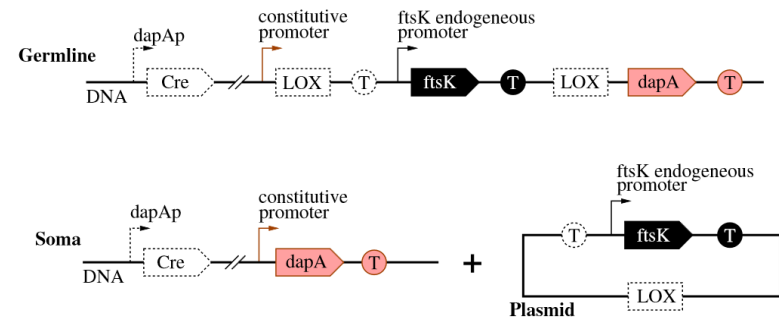
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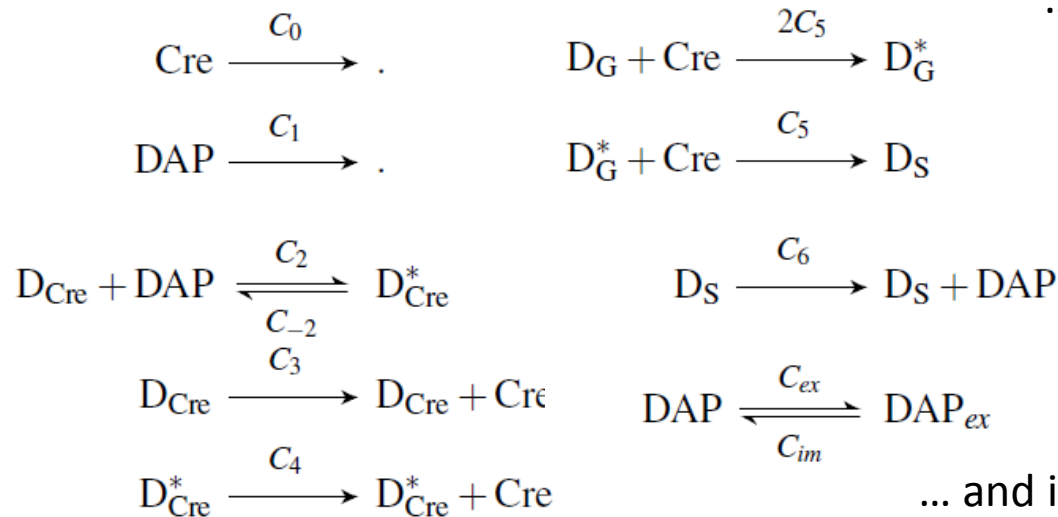
Bacterium line able to express a lethal gene without disturbing its growth



Paris team proposal...



... its genetic implementation ...



... and its **chemical model**

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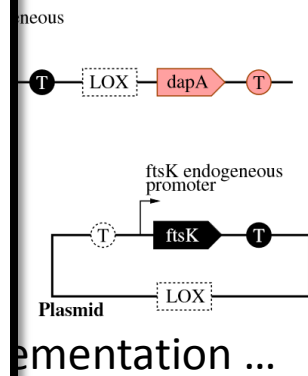
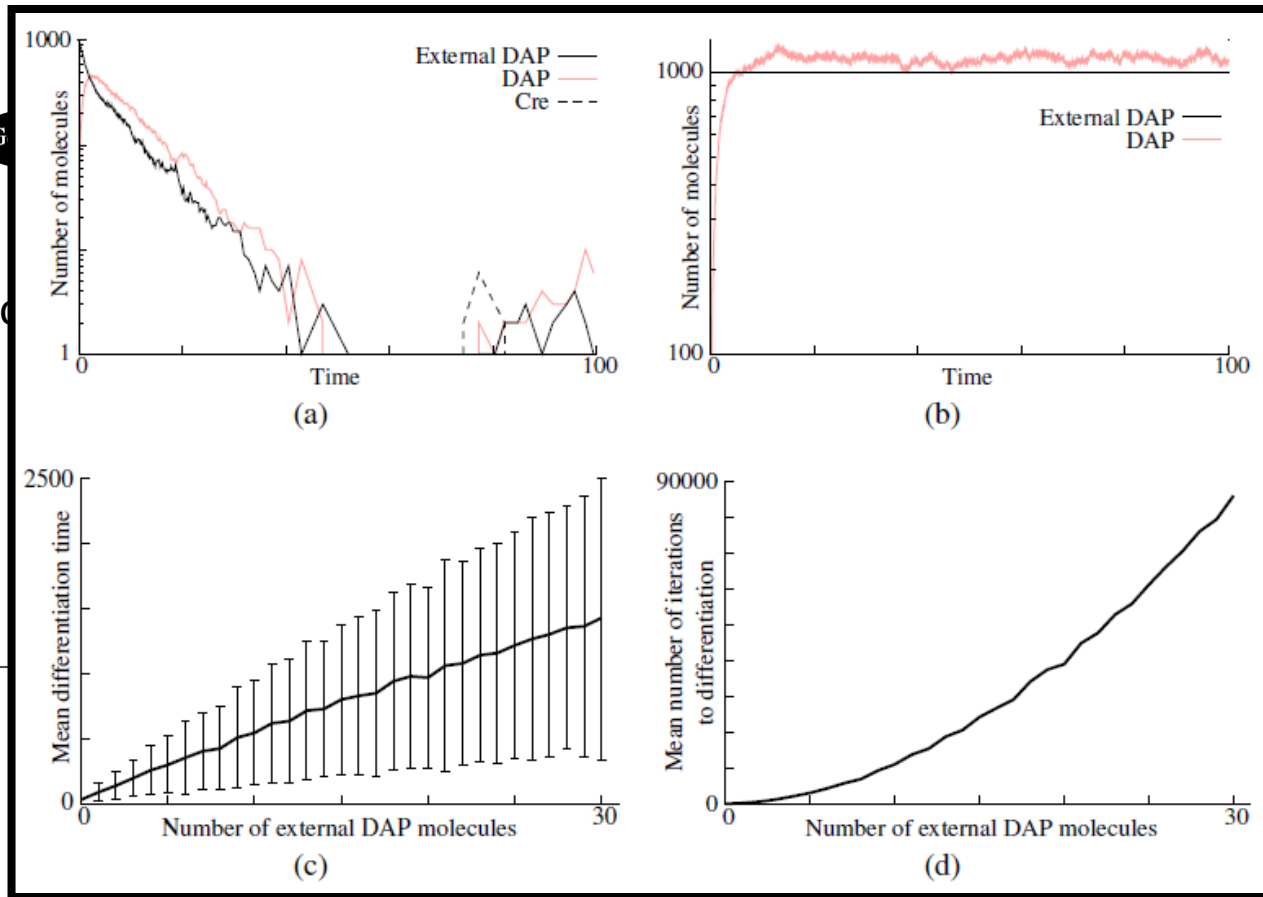
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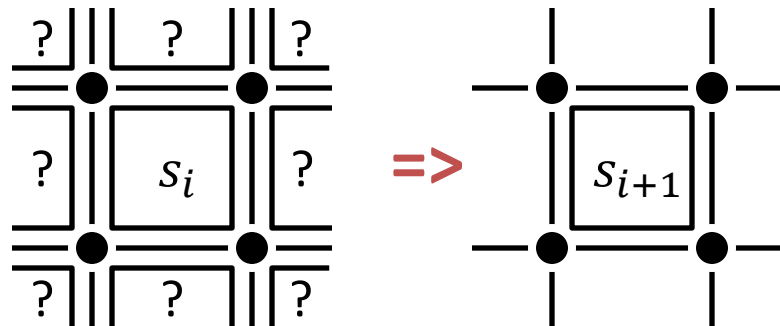


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Cellular Automata

■ Short description

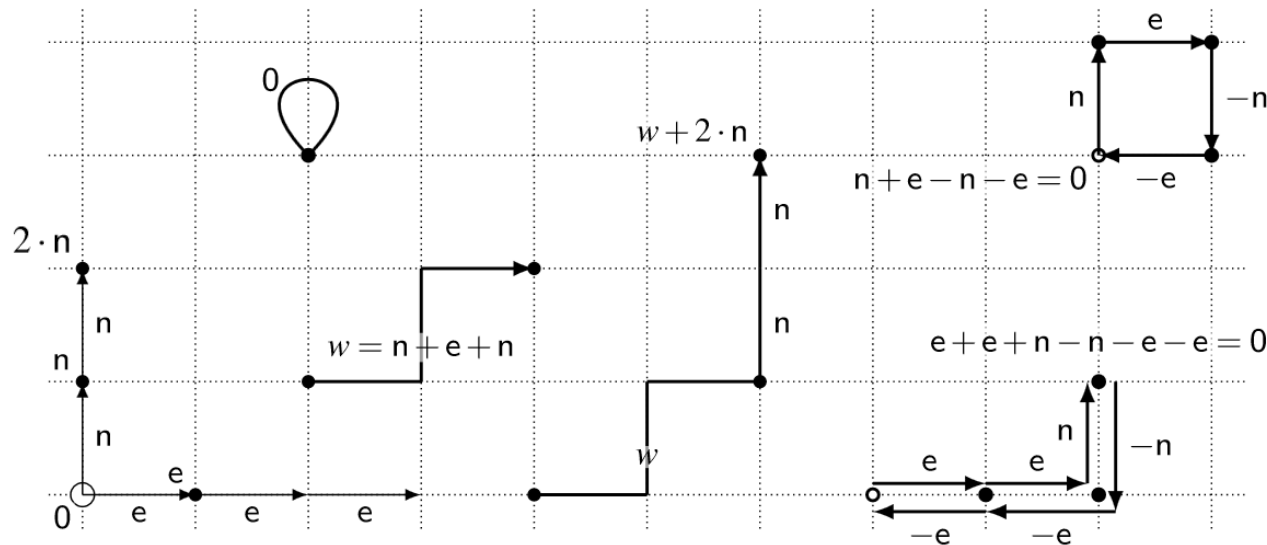
- Dynamical systems discrete in space and time
- Space
 - Set (finite or infinite) of *cells* homogeneously and *regularly* organized
 - Each cell characterized by its *state*
- Time
 - Transition function from a *configuration* to another
 - *Synchronous* update (all cells update their state at the same time)
 - *Local* specification (as function of the neighbor cells state)



Cellular Automata

■ In MGS

- Topological collection
 - *Group Based Field* (GBF)
 - Cayley graph associated with a (abelian) group presentation
 - Generators: atomic displacement
 - Relators: displacement properties

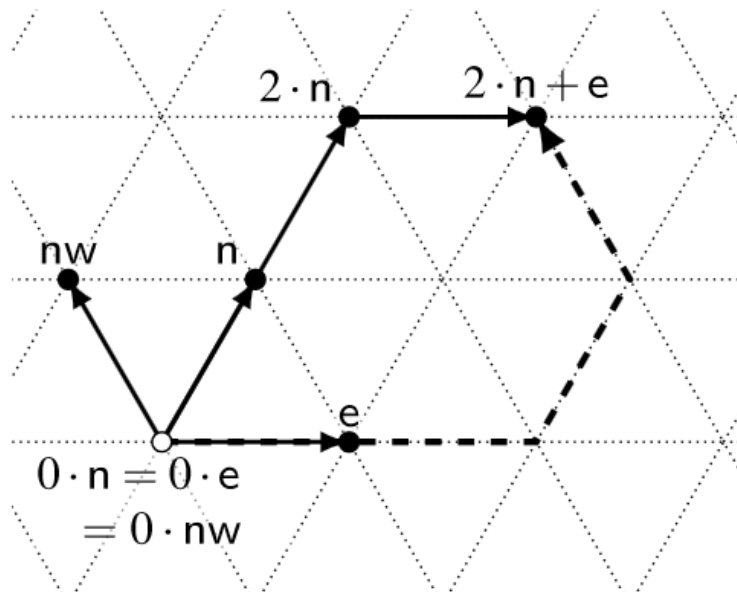


$$\text{gbf NEWS} = \langle e, n; e + n = n + e \rangle$$

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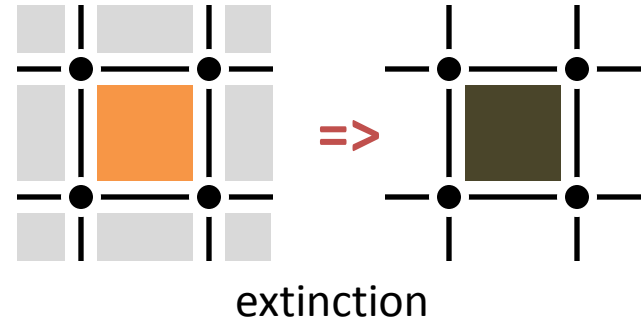
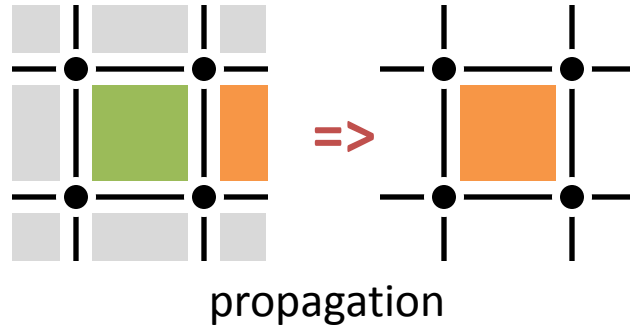


`gbf hexa = < n, e, nw; n = e + nw >`

Cellular Automata

■ 3-State fire spread model

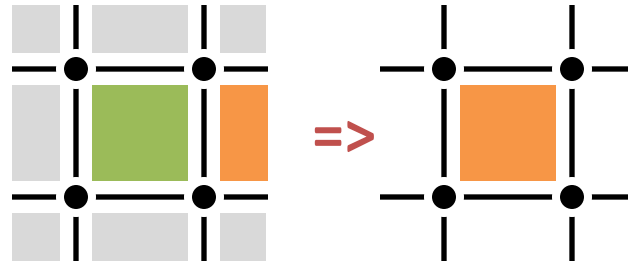
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- fire
- ash
- generic



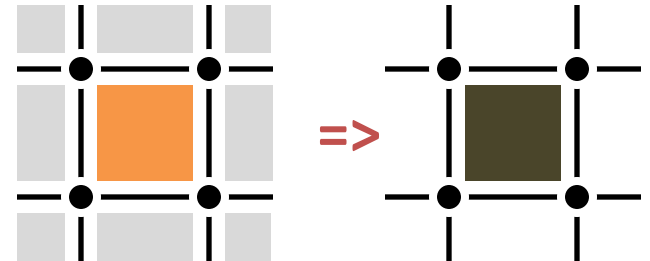
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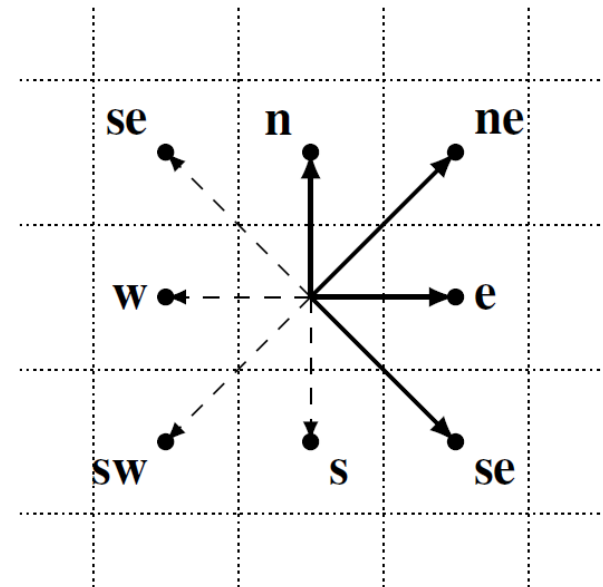
propagation



extinction

```
gbf Moore = < N, NE, E, SE;  
             N + E = NE,  
             E - N = SE  
>;
```

Moore neighborhood, predefined in MGS



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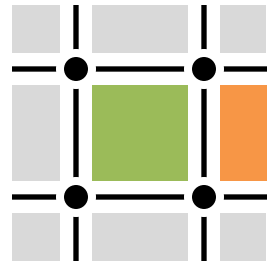
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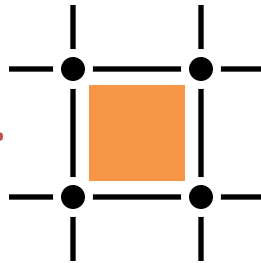
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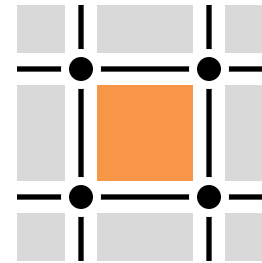
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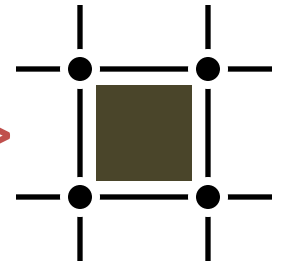
=>



propagation



=>



extinction

```
type cell = `Forest | `Fire | `Ash ;;
```

```
type configuration = [cell]Moore ;;
```

```
trans rules = {
```

```
  `Forest as c / neighbors_exists(equal(`Fire), c) => `Fire;
```

```
  `Fire => `Ash;
```

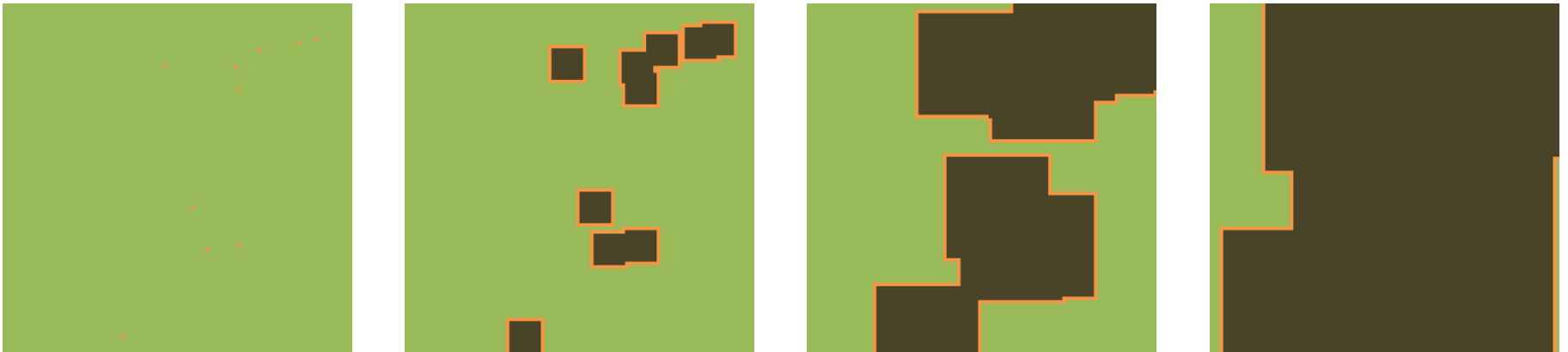
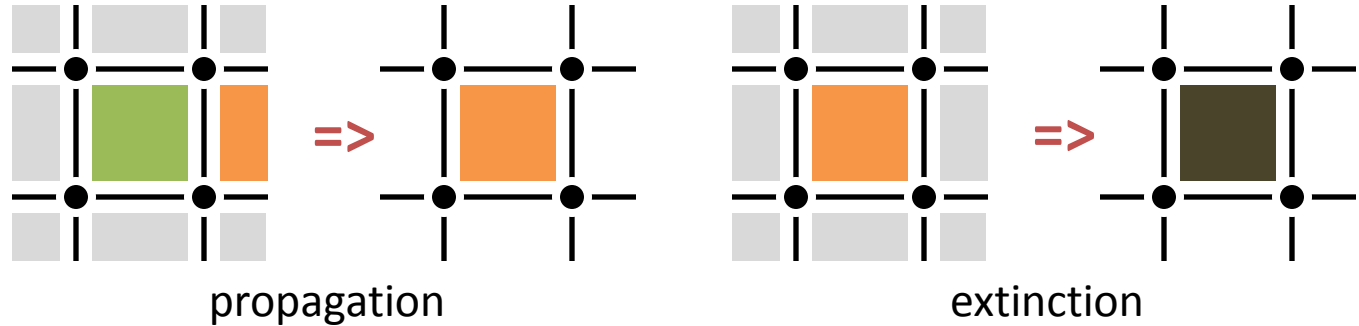
```
} ;;
```

Iterator over the neighbors of c

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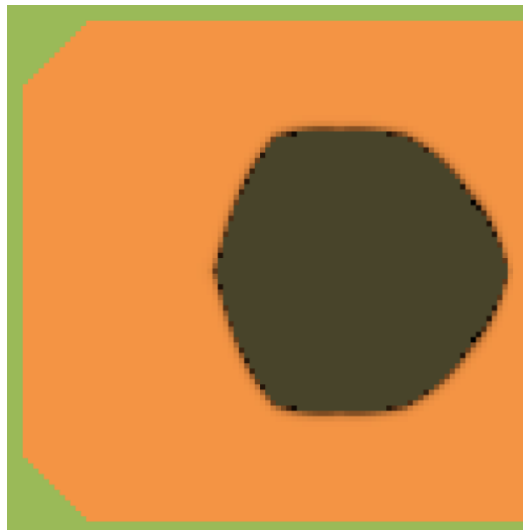
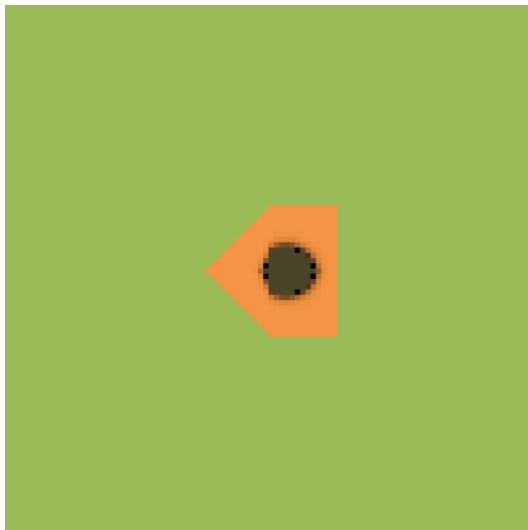
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■ Karafyllidis-Thanailakis model

- More elaborated CA for fire spread
- Cell state: ratio of burnt area from 0 (none) to 1 (all)
- Environmental effects
 - Wind (speed and direction)
 - Type of fuel
 - Landscape topography



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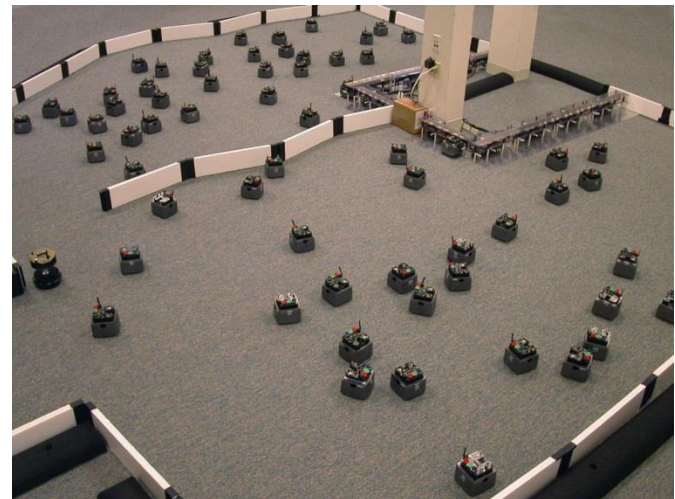
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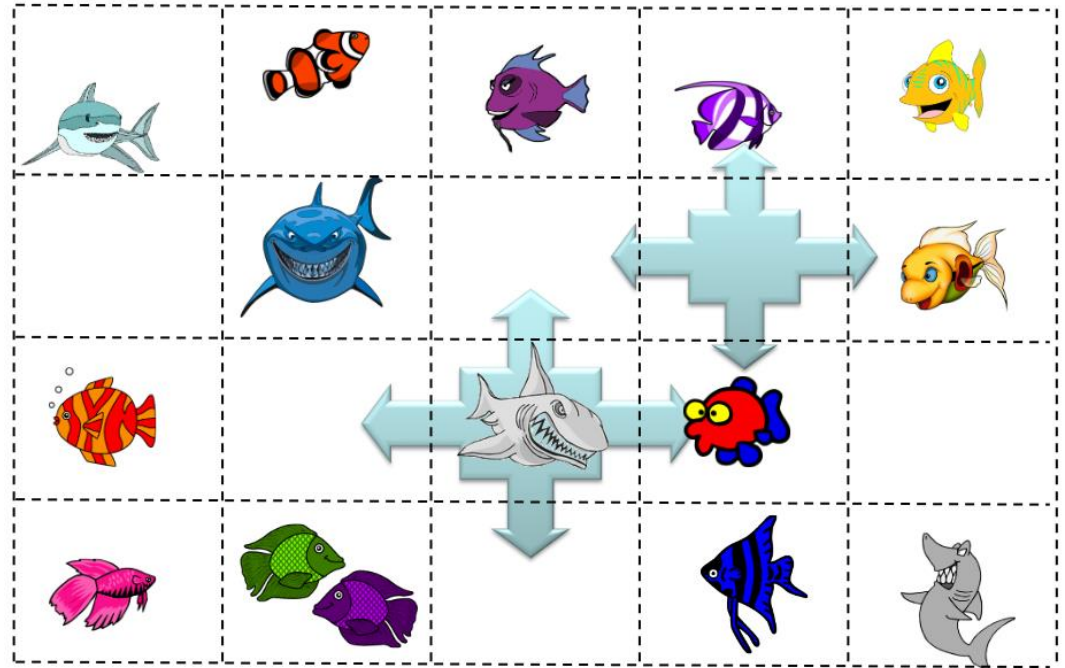
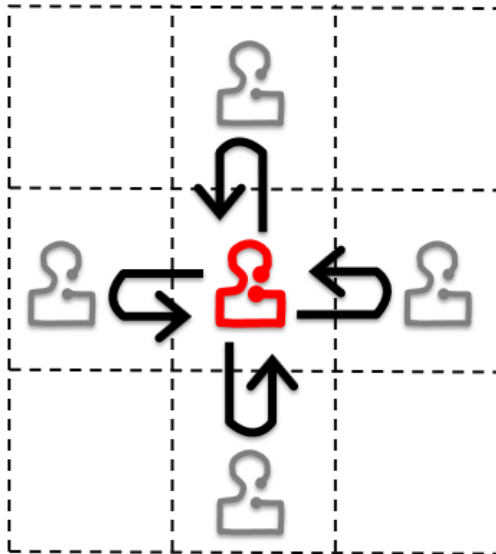
- Population of entities interacting in some environment
- *Agents*
 - Characterized by a state
 - Actions
 - Decision procedure
 - Dependence on the nearby environment and neighbors



Multi-Agent Systems

■ In MGS

- Representation of a population of agents
 - Newtonian
 - Structure of the system described through its spatial domain
 - Agents localized a pre-existing space



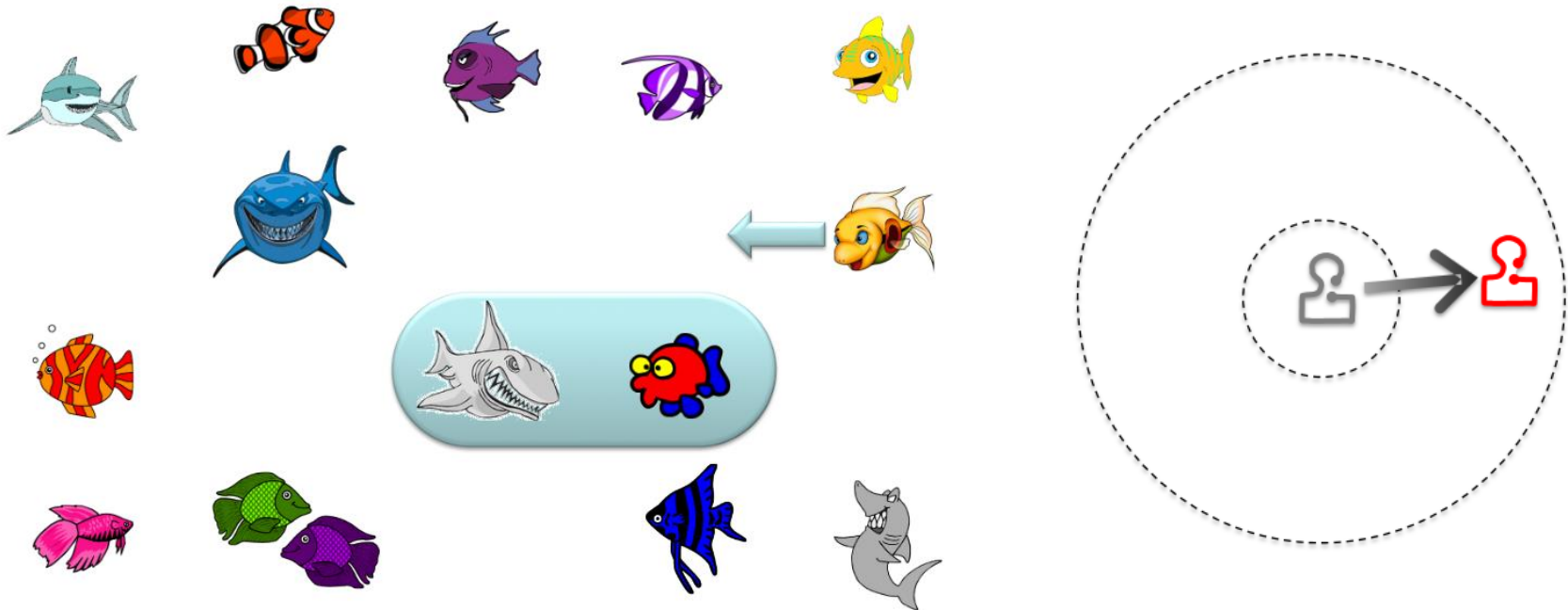
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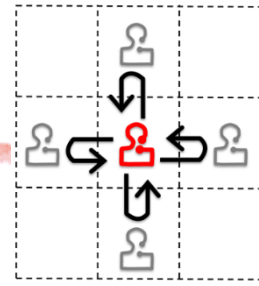
- Representation of a population of agents

- Leibnizian

- Structure of the system described through its components
- Space as relation between agents

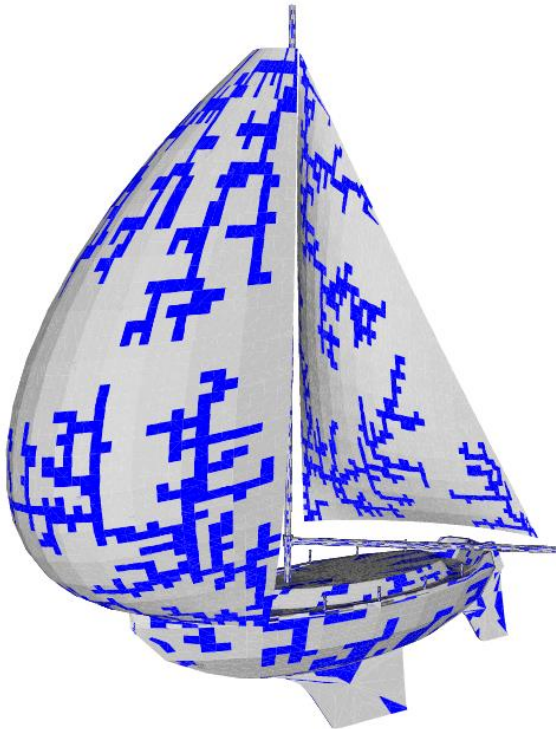


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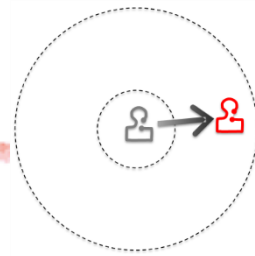
■ In MGS

- Representation of a population of agents
Leibnizian, newtonian
- Example of a **newtonian** collection for representing a population



```
type particle = `Mobile | `Fixed ;;  
type mas = [particle]Moore ;;  
  
trans behaviors = {  
    `Fixed, `Mobile => `Fixed, `Fixed;  
    `Mobile, <undef> => <undef>, `Mobile;  
} ;;
```

Multi-Agent Systems



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- Representation of a population of agents
Leibnizian, newtonian
- Example of a **leibnizian** collection for representing a population
 - *Geoproximal* topological collection
 - *Two elements are neighbors if they are close enough*
Agents are embedded in an n -dimensional Euclidean space

```
geoprox population(2, 5.0) = fun ag -> (ag.x, ag.y) ; ;
```

Dimension of the considered
Euclidean space

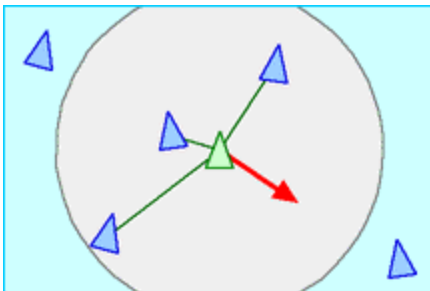
Radius max.

Function to get the
coordinates of an agent

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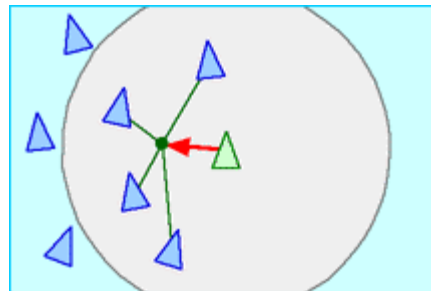
■ Reynolds' Boids

- Model explaining flock behaviors of birds, fishes, ...
 - No leader, simple local behavior rules
- Agent
 - Virtual bird
 - Positioned and oriented in the 2D space
 - Neighborhood given by a geoproximal with radius 5
- Three simple behavior rules



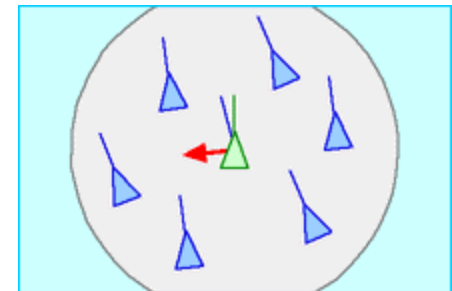
<http://www.red3d.com/cwr/boids/>

Separation: avoid collision with too close mates (dist. < 1)



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Cohesion: steer towards neighbors to keep close (dist. > 4)



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Alignment: follow the average directions of the mates

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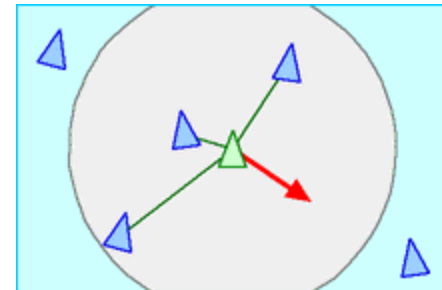
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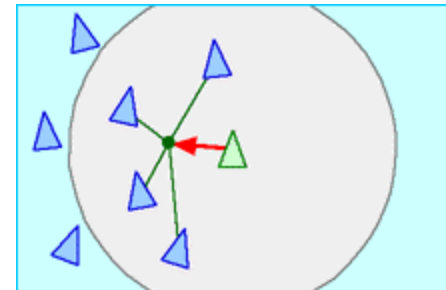
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trans behaviors = { (* see details on the website *)  
  
  b / neighbors_exists(too_close(b), b) => (  
    let g = barycenter(b) in  
    let dx = b.x - g.x and dy = b.y - g.y in  
    let t = to_angle(dx, dy) in  
    let b' = b + { t = t } in  
      move_boid(b')  
  );  
  ...  
} ;;
```



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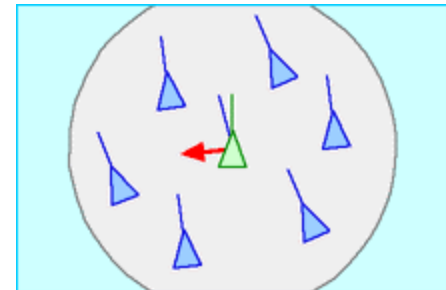
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