
Spatial Computing in MGS

Lecture III – MGS & Applications

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- MGS Rule Application Strategies
- “Last But Not Least” Example

Rule Application Strategy

■ MGS Pattern Matching Process

Computation of the set of *all the sub-collections* matching a pattern

$$\frac{\partial \text{dir}}{\partial p}(G, K, \emptyset) = \{\emptyset\} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial p}(G, K, H) = \emptyset \quad \text{provided that } P \neq \text{dir} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{id}/\text{expr}}{\partial p}(G, K, H) = \text{if } \text{occurs}(K + [\text{id} \rightarrow p], G, \text{expr}) \text{ then } \{[p]\} \text{ else } \emptyset \quad (3)$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{dir}}{\partial p}(G, K, H) = \{\emptyset\} \cup \frac{\partial(\text{id}/\text{expr dir dir})}{\partial p}(G, K, H) \quad \text{where id is a fresh variable} \quad (4)$$

$$\frac{\partial \text{id}/\text{expr dir } P}{\partial p}(G, K, H) = \text{Let } K' = K + [\text{id} \rightarrow p] \text{ and } H' = H + p \quad (5)$$

in $\text{if } \text{occurs}(K', G, \text{expr})$

then $p \in \bigcup_{p' \in \text{occurs}(H', \text{dir}, p)} \frac{\partial P}{\partial p'}(G, K', H')$

else \emptyset

$$\frac{\partial \text{dir} * \text{dir } P}{\partial p}(G, K, H) = \bigcup_{p' \in \text{occurs}(H, \text{dir}, p)} \left(\frac{\partial P}{\partial p'}(G, K, H) \right) \quad \text{where id is a fresh variable} \quad (6)$$

$$\cup \frac{\partial(\text{id}/\text{expr dir dir} * \text{dir } P)}{\partial p}(G, K, H)$$

Inspired by the *Brzowski's derivation* of rational expressions

Rule Application Strategy

- Rewriting of non-intersecting sub-collections
 - Role of the rule application strategy
 - Hard-coded MGS strategies
 - **Maximal-Parallel** (no more matched sub-collection in the remaining sub-coll.)
 - `Default`: priority given to the first rules over the last ones
 - `SingleStochastic`: randomly chosen between rules
 - `MultiStochastic`: no priority between rules
 - **Sequential strategies** (only one rule is applied at each application)
 - `Stochastic`: random choice of the rule w.r.t. a given probability
 - `Gillespie-based`: random choice of the rule w.r.t. a given *kinetics*
 - inspired by the *chemical stochastic simulation algorithm* of Gillespie
 - only allowed for constant patterns on complete graph topology
 - `Sooner strategy`: the sooner rule is chosen w.r.t. a given *date*

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(Unconventional) Computation vs. MGS

- MGS programming of a *model of computation*
 - **Topological collection type** modeling the *used data structure*
 - **Specific kind of transformation rules** specifying the *computation rules*
- Examples
 - *L systems*
 - Sequence & MGS rules encoding the grammar productions
 - *Chemical computations (Gamma, CHAM)*
 - Bag/set & MGS rules encoding the chemical interactions
 - *P systems*
 - Nested bag/set & MGS rules encoding transports and chemical interactions
 - *Cellular automata*
 - GBF collection (regular space) & MGS rules encoding the local evolution function
 - *Signal Machines ??*
 - Sequence of signals & MGS rules encoding the collision rules

Signal Machines in MGS

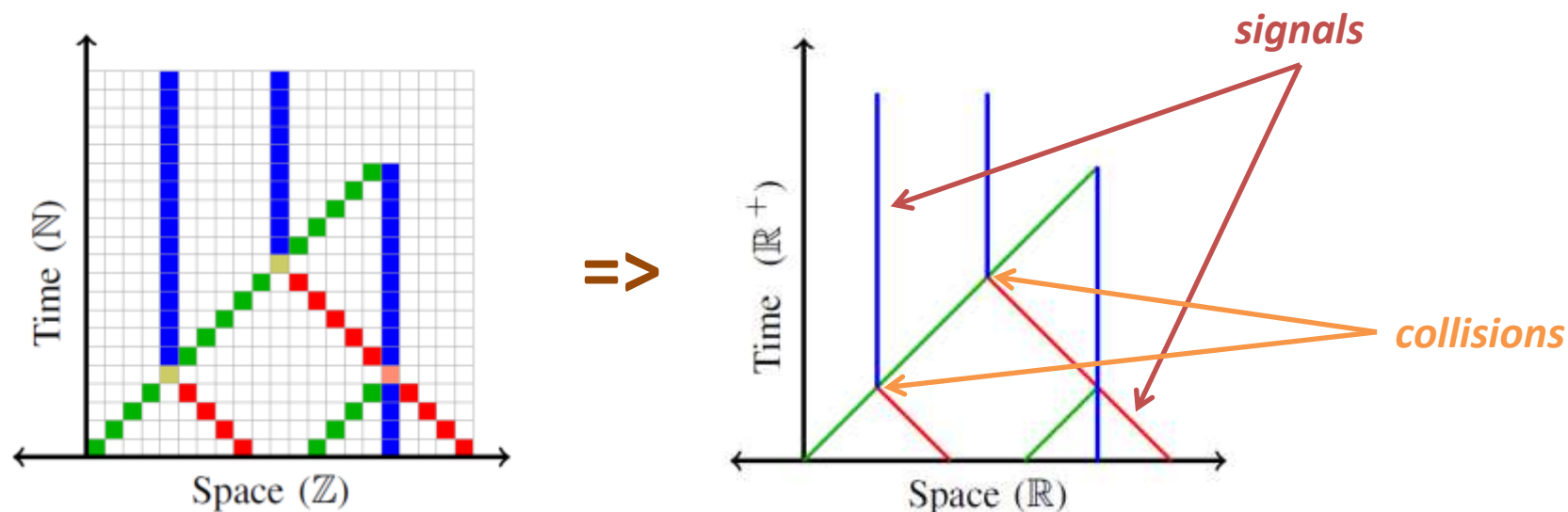
■ Source used for this example

Massively Parallel Automata in Euclidean Space-Time

D. Duchier, J. Durant-Lose, M. Senot, SCW'10, Budapest

■ Signal Machines

- Extension of CA into continuous space and time
- Space/time diagrams, *signals* and *collisions*

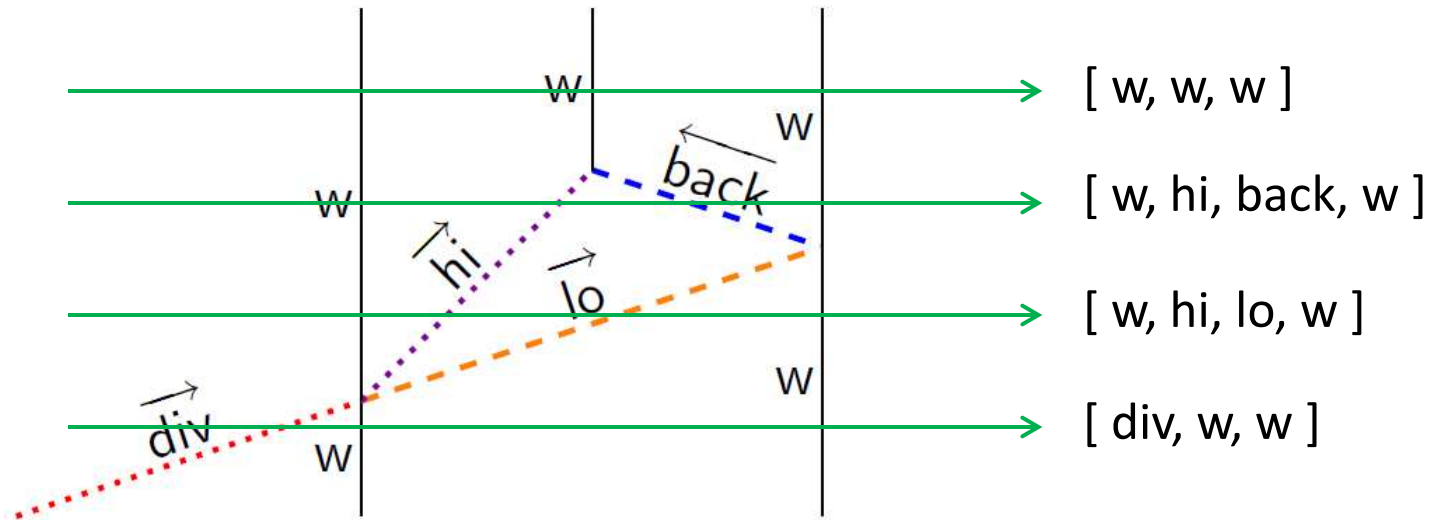


Signal Machines in MGS

■ Example of a Signal Machine

- “Geometrically computing the middle”

Meta-Signals	Speed	Collision rules
w	0	$\{ w, \overrightarrow{\text{div}} \} \rightarrow \{ w, \overrightarrow{\text{hi}}, \overrightarrow{\text{lo}} \}$
$\overrightarrow{\text{div}}, \overrightarrow{\text{lo}}$	3	$\{ \overrightarrow{\text{lo}}, w \} \rightarrow \{ \overleftarrow{\text{back}}, w \}$
$\overrightarrow{\text{hi}}$	1	$\{ \overrightarrow{\text{hi}}, \overleftarrow{\text{back}} \} \rightarrow \{ w \}$
$\overleftarrow{\text{back}}$	-3	



Signal Machines in MGS

■ Example of a Signal Machine

- MGS Collection Type (a sequence of signal)

```
record   metasignal   = { name:symbol, speed:float } and
record   location     = { position:float, date:float } and
record   signal       = metasignal + location and
collection machine_state = [signal]seq ;;
```

- Signal Machine Collision Specification (a transformation rule)

```
s1:signal, s2:signal / (s1.speed > s2.speed)
    = { D = signal_intersection(s1,s2).date } =>
        let loc = signal_intersection(s1,s2) in
            map( make_signal(loc), collision(s1,s2) )
```

- Middle Computation Specification

```
w      := { name = `w,      speed = 0 }
div    := { name = `div,   speed = 3 }
hi     := { name = `hi,   speed = 1 }
lo     := { name = `lo,   speed = 3 }
back  := { name = `back,  speed = -3 }

fun collisions(s1,s2) =
  switch (s1.name,s2.name)
  case (`div, `w):      (w,hi,lo)
  case (`lo, `w):      (back,w)
  case (`hi, `back):   (w)
  default:              (s2,s1)
```