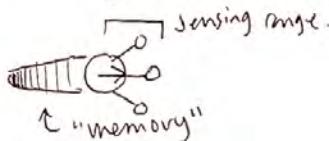


If we think about Cellular Automata, swarms from previous classes, two important dynamics are at play:

1) agents have no memory. Instead, memory is encoded in environment.

2) Signals are highly local (short range)



If anything is long-range, it has to come from environment.

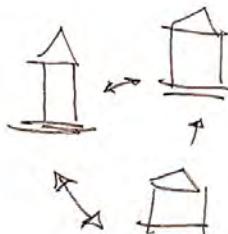
Let's allow our swarms to have just a little bit of memory. There's a simulation of a colour-passing message.

### ★ GH: Agents

→ play w/ settings → turn on msg. → history. → design qn.

As you can see, message-passing is not simple! It gets harder with non-local msgs.

Here's a toy example. Imagine you're in the Distributed Kingdom.



messengers between TOWERS.



→ tell robots where to go.

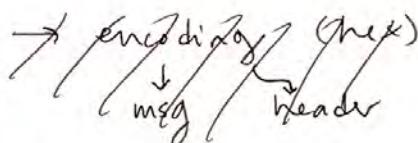
→ longer messages.

↳ encoding + protocol

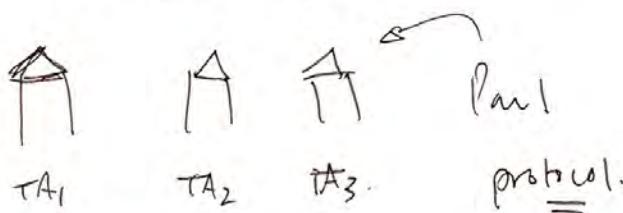
★ CLASS room swarm. (2)

- upload BLE sketch
- download NRF connect.
- play with hex messages.

Now, design a method for getting a msg across the classroom. My TAs will adjudicate.  
1'11 time. Fastest.



Now, what if I want to get a message to a specific spot?



→ Header      Requires trust!

★ Design a system for a secure message.

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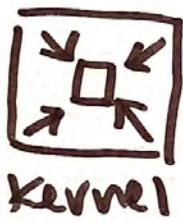
Warm up: Gestalt perception.

---  --- play with what seems to be grouped or continuous.  
e.g. proximity



Cellular Automata  
↳ Langton's Art

- Conway's GOL
- Ext. GOL
- Physarum



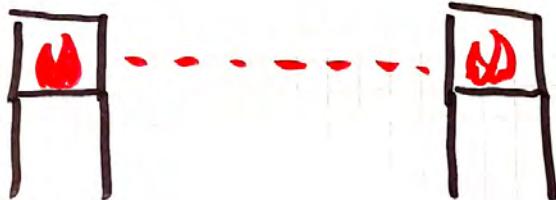
Kernel

Mem in environment



local

no memory on agent



W

bandwidth  
of  
trans.  
medium.

binary

01011  
—  
H—W

protocol → timing

meta  
data

start



head

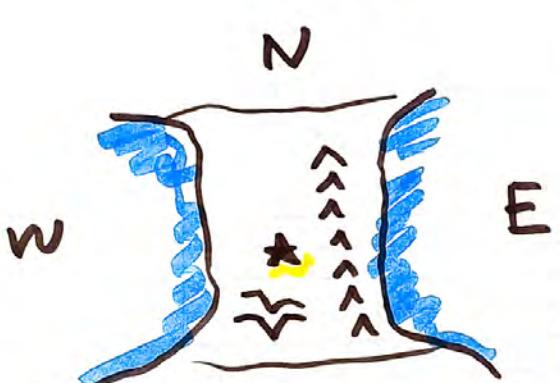
msg

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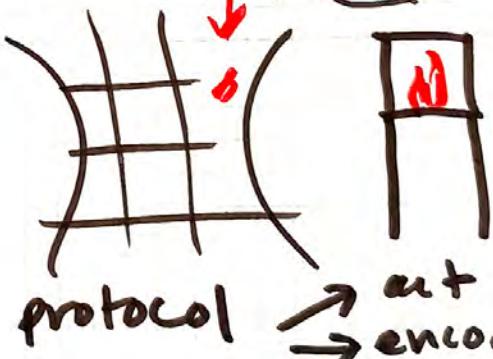
- BLE arduino
- NRFconnect

$\text{mem} = [\text{red}] \rightarrow$   
2s.

[red] → blue → green  
1.5      1.7      2.2



$m = \sum N E S W^3$   
fastest  
way?  
?



$\rightarrow 0-9 \rightarrow a-z \rightarrow \text{locations}$

BLE

