

# Chapitre 5 : Les automates cellulaires (AC) / Cellular Automata (CA)

B. Chopard et M. Droz : Cellular Automata Modeling of Physical  
Systems, Cambridge University Press, 1998.

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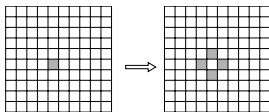
## 5.1 Définition et concepts de bases

What is a Cellular Automata ?

- ▶ Mathematical abstraction of the real world, modeling framework
- ▶ Fictitious Universe in which everything is discrete
- ▶ But, it is also a mathematical object, new paradigm for computation
- ▶ Elucidate some links between **complex systems, universal computations, algorithmic complexity, intractability**.

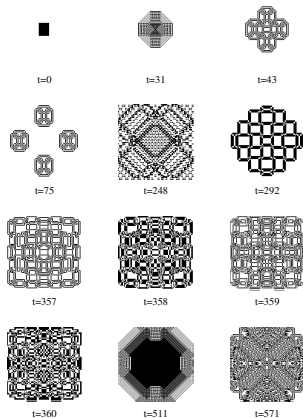
## Example : the Parity Rule

- ▶ Square lattice (chessboard)
- ▶ Possible states  $s_{ij} = 0, 1$
- ▶ Rule : each cell sums up the states of its 4 neighbors (north, east, south and west).
- ▶ If the sum is even, the new state is  $s_{ij} = 0$  ; otherwise  $s_{ij} = 1$



Generate “complex” patterns out of a simple initial condition.

# Pattern generated by the Parity Rule

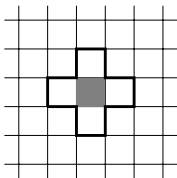
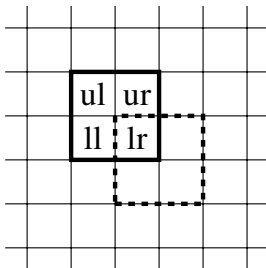


# CA Definition

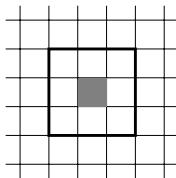
- ▶ Discrete space  $A$  : regular lattice of cells/sites in  $d$  dimensions.
- ▶ Discrete time
- ▶ Possible states for the cells : discrete set  $S$
- ▶ Local, homogeneous **evolution rule**  $\Phi$  (defined for a neighborhood  $\mathcal{N}$ ).
- ▶ Synchronous (parallel) updating of the cells
- ▶ Tuple :  $\langle A, S, \mathcal{N}, \Phi \rangle$

# Neighborhood

- ▶ von Neumann
- ▶ Moore
- ▶ Margolus
- ▶ ...



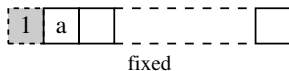
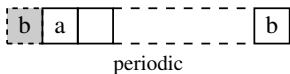
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# Boundary conditions

- ▶ periodic
- ▶ fixed
- ▶ reflexive
- ▶ ....



**The initial condition is also to be specified**

# Generalization

- ▶ Stochastic CA
- ▶ Asynchronous update : loss of parallelism, but avoid oscillations
- ▶ Non-uniform CA



# Stochastic CA

We apply different rules with given probabilities. For instance

$$s_i(t+1) = \begin{cases} \Phi_1(s_{i-1}(t), s_i(t), s_{i+1}(t)) & \text{with probability } p \\ \Phi_2(s_{i-1}(t), s_i(t), s_{i+1}(t)) & \text{with probability } 1 - p \end{cases}$$

This could be reformulated as a standard CA as

$$\begin{aligned} s_i(t+1) &= \begin{cases} \Phi_1(s_{i-1}(t), s_i(t), s_{i+1}(t)) & \text{if } b_i(t) = 1 \\ \Phi_2(s_{i-1}(t), s_i(t), s_{i+1}(t)) & \text{if } b_i(t) = 0 \end{cases} \\ b_i(t+1) &= \Phi_3(b_{i-1}(t), b_i(t), b_{i+1}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

where  $\Phi_3$  is a CA rules that produces **random bits** (see examples below)

## Asynchronous CA

The update of the cells are not done all at the same time as done in the normal case (parallel or synchronous updating)

Sequential updating :

$$\begin{aligned}s_1(t+1) &= \Phi(s_n(t), s_1(t), s_2(t)) \\ s_2(t+1) &= \Phi(s_1(t+1), s_2(t), s_3(t)) \\ s_3(t+1) &= \dots\end{aligned}$$

A random sequential updating is desirable, though.

A random sequential updating can be reformulated as a standard CA

$$\begin{aligned}s_i(t+1) &= \begin{cases} \Phi(s_{i-1}(t), s_i(t), s_{i+1}(t)) & \text{if } b_i(t) = 1 \\ s_i(t) & \text{if } b_i(t) = 0 \end{cases} \\ b_i(t+1) &= \begin{cases} 1 & \text{with probability } p \\ 0 & \text{with probability } 1 - p \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

## non-uniform CA

The rule is not unique for all cells. For instance, some cells are updated with rule  $\Phi_1$ , others with rule  $\Phi_2$ .

$$s_i(t+1) = \begin{cases} \Phi_1(s_{i-1}(t), s_i(t), s_{i+1}(t)) & \text{if } i \in A \\ \Phi_2(s_{i-1}(t), s_i(t), s_{i+1}(t)) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

can be expressed as a standard CA as

$$\begin{aligned} s_i(t+1) &= b_i(t)\Phi_1 + (1 - b_i(t))\Phi_2 \\ b_i(t+1) &= b_i(t) \end{aligned}$$

And  $b_i(t=0)$  are such that  $b_i(0) = 1$  if  $i \in A$  and  $b_i(0) = 0$  otherwise.

# Implementation of the evolution rule

## Lookup table

### On-the-fly calculation

$$s_{ij}(t+1) = s_{i-1,j}(t) + s_{i+1,j}(t) \\ + s_{i,j-1}(t) + s_{i,j+1}(t) \bmod 2$$

0000	0
0001	1
0010	1
0011	0
0100	1
0101	0
0110	0
0111	1
1000	1
1001	0
1010	0
1011	1
1100	0
1101	1
1110	1
1111	0

# Number of possible rules

There is a finite number of “possible universes :”

- ▶ Let  $m$  be the number of states per cell and  $k$  the number of neighbors.
- ▶ There are  $m^k$  configurations of the neighborhood (16 in the previous page)
- ▶ For each of them, there are  $m$  possible values for the rule (2 in the previous example).
- ▶ Therefore there are  $m^{m^k}$  possible rules

## Historical notes

- ▶ Origin of the CA's (1940s) : John von Neumann and S. Ulam
- ▶ Design a better computer with self-repair and self-correction mechanisms
- ▶ Simpler problem : find the logical mechanisms for self-reproduction :
- ▶ Before the discovery of DNA : find an algorithmic way (transcription and translation)
- ▶ Formalization in a fully discrete world
- ▶ Automaton with 29 states, arrangement of thousands of cells which can self-reproduce
- ▶ Universal computer

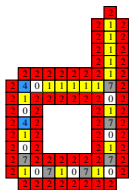
# Langton's CA

Christopher G. Langton, Physica 10D (1984) 135-144

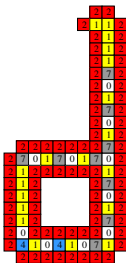
- ▶ Simplified version (8 states).
- ▶ Not a universal computer
- ▶ Structures with their own fabrication recipe
- ▶ Using a reading and transformation mechanism

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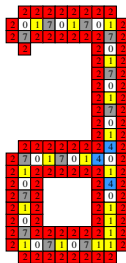
# Langton's CA : basic cell replication



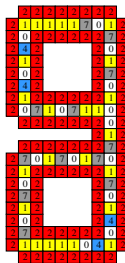
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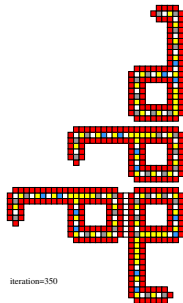
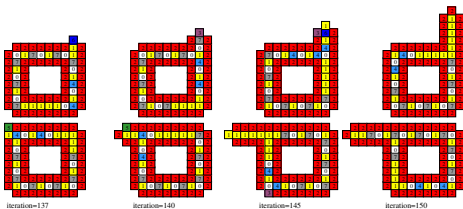


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# Langton's Automaton : spatial and temporal evolution



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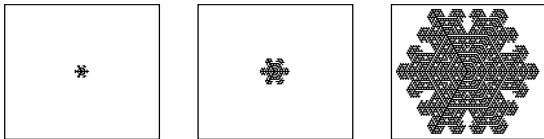
# Langton's CA : some conclusions

- ▶ Not a biological model, but an algorithmic abstraction
- ▶ Reproduction can be seen from a mechanistic point of view (Energy and matter are needed)
- ▶ No need of a hierarchical structure in which the more complicated builds the less complicated
- ▶ Evolving Hardware.

## 5.2 CA as a mathematical abstraction of reality

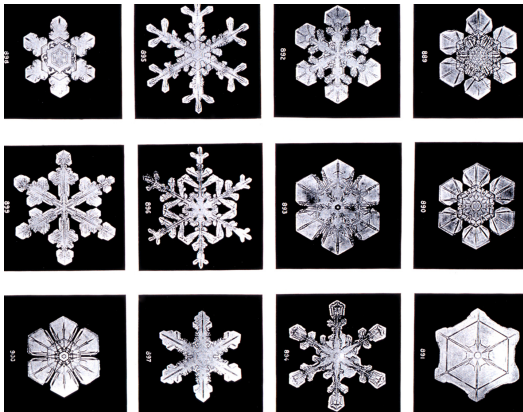
- ▶ Several levels of reality : macroscopic, mesoscopic and microscopic.
- ▶ The macroscopic behavior depends very little on the details of the microscopic interactions.
- ▶ Only “symmetries” or conservation laws survive. The challenge is to find them.
- ▶ Invent a fictitious world, with its own microscopy, and particularly easy to simulate on a (parallel) computer, with the desired macroscopic behavior.
- ▶ Simple, flexible, intuitive, efficient

# A Caricature of reality



What is this ?

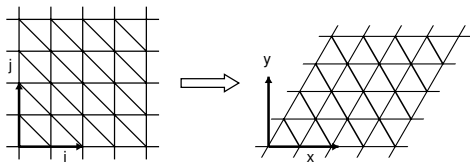
# The real thing



Wilson Bentley, From Annual Summary of the "Monthly Weather Review", 1902.

# Snowflakes model

- ▶ Very rich reality, many different shapes
- ▶ Complicated true microscopic description
- ▶ Yet a simple growth mechanism can capture some essential features
- **A vapor molecule solidifies ( $\rightarrow$ ice) if one and only one already solidified molecule is in its vicinity**
- **Growth is constrained by  $60^\circ$  angles**



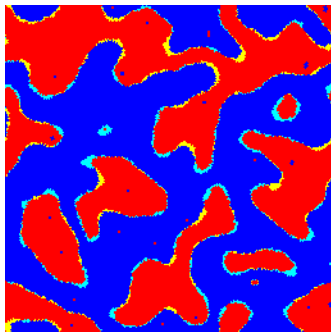
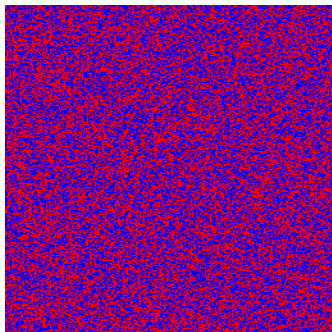
## 5.3 Examples of CA rules

Cooperation models : annealing rule

- ▶ Growth model in physics : droplet, interface, etc
- ▶ Biased majority rule : (almost copy what the neighbors do)

Rule :

$\text{sum}_{ij}(t)$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$s_{ij}(t+1)$	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1



The rule sees the curvature radius of domains

# Cells differentiation in drosophila

In the embryo all the cells are identical. Then during evolution they differentiate

- ▶ slightly less than 25% become neural cells (neuroblasts)
- ▶ the rest becomes body cells (epidermioblasts).

## **Biological mechanisms :**

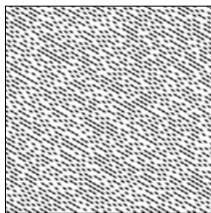
- ▶ Cells produce a substance  $S$  (protein) which leads to differentiation when a threshold  $S_0$  is reached.
- ▶ Neighboring cells inhibit the local  $S$  production.



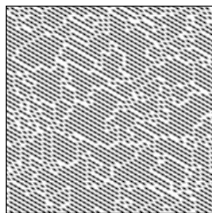
# CA model for a competition/inhibition process

- ▶ Hexagonal lattice
- ▶ The values of  $S$  can be 0 (inhibited) or 1 (active) in each lattice cell.
- ▶ A  $S = 0$  cell will grow (i.e. turn to  $S = 1$ ) with probability  $p_{grow}$  provided that all its neighbors are 0. Otherwise, it stays inhibited.
- ▶ A cell in state  $S = 1$  will decay (i.e. turn to  $S = 0$ ) with probability  $p_{anihil}$  if it is surrounded by at least one active cell. If the active cell is isolated (all the neighbors are in state 0) it remains in state 1.

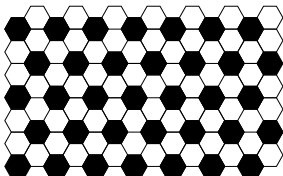
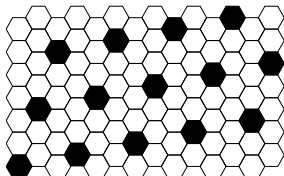
## Differentiation : results



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The two limit solutions with density  $1/3$  and  $1/7$ , respectively.

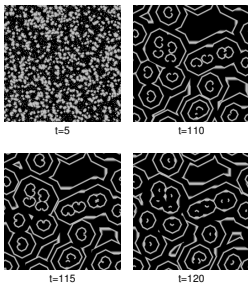
- ▶ CA produces situations with about **23%** of active cells, for almost any value of  $p_{anihil}$  and  $p_{growth}$ .
- ▶ Model robust to the lack of details, but need for hexagonal cells

# Excitable Media, contagion models

- ▶ 3 states : (1) normal (resting), (2) excited (contagious), (3) refractory (immuned)
  1. excited  $\rightarrow$  refractory
  2. refractory  $\rightarrow$  normal
  3. normal  $\rightarrow$  excited, if there exists excited neighbors (otherwise, normal  $\rightarrow$  normal).

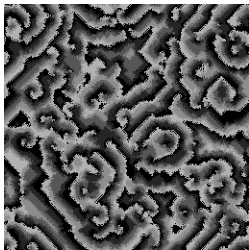
# Greenberg-Hastings Model

- ▶  $s \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$
- ▶ normal :  $s = 0$ ; excited  $s = 1, 2, \dots, n/2$ ; the remaining states are refractory
- ▶ contamination if at least  $k$  contaminated neighbors.



## Belousov-Zhabotinski (tube worm)

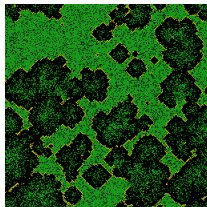
The state of each site is either 0 or 1 ; a local timer with values 0, 1, 2 or 3 controls the 0 period.



- (i) where the timer is zero, the state is excited ;
- (ii) the timer is reset to 3 for the excited sites which have two, or more than four, excited sites in their Moore neighborhood.
- (iii) the timer is decreased by 1 unless it is 0 ;

# Forest fire

- (1) a burning tree becomes an empty site ;
- (2) a green tree becomes a burning tree if at least one of its nearest neighbors is burning ;
- (3) at an empty site, a tree grows with probability  $p$  ;
- (4) A tree without a burning nearest neighbor becomes a burning tree during one time step with probability  $f$  (lightning).



## Other rules :

Random

$$C(t+1) = [S(t) \text{ and } E(t)] \text{ xor } W(t) \text{ xor } N(t) \text{ xor } C(t)$$

time-tunnel

$$\text{Sum}(t) = S(t) + E(t) + W(t) + N(t) + C(t)$$

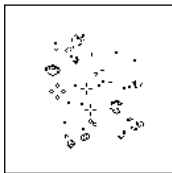
$$C(t+1) = \begin{cases} C(t-1) & \text{if } \text{Sum}(t) \in \{0, 5\} \\ 1 - C(t-1) & \text{if } \text{Sum}(t) \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \end{cases}$$

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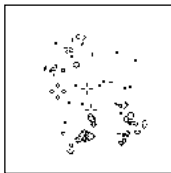
## 5.4 Complex systems

### Rule of the Game of Life :

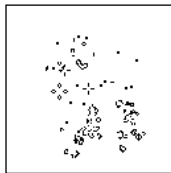
- ▶ Square lattice, 8 neighbors
- ▶ Birth if exactly 3 living neighbors
- ▶ Cells are dead or alive (0/1)
- ▶ Death if less than 2 or more than 3 neighbors



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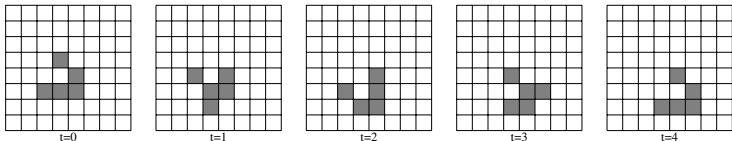
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# Complex Behavior in the game of life

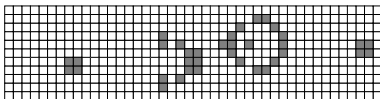
Collective behaviors develop (beyond the local rule)

“**Gliders**” (organized structures of cell) can emerge and can **move** collectively.

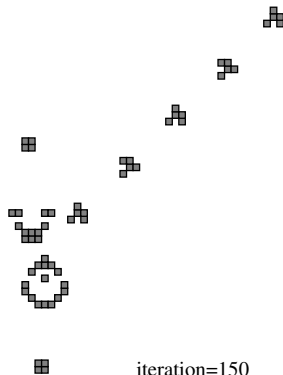


# Complex Behavior in the game of life

## *A glider gun*



- ▶ A *glider gun* is a structure that keeps creating gliders
- ▶ There are more complex structures with more complex behavior : a zoology of organisms.
- ▶ The game of life is a *Universal computer*



[Animation step by step](#)

# Universal computer

Being a universal computer, the game of life can be used to program any calculable function. There are many examples on Internet, including the calculation of prime numbers.

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## **A clock made out of the game of life rules**

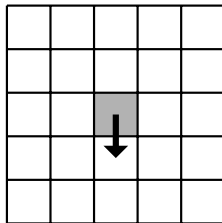
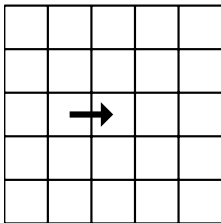
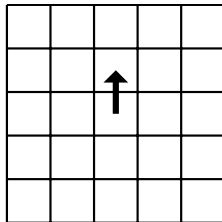
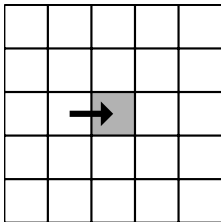
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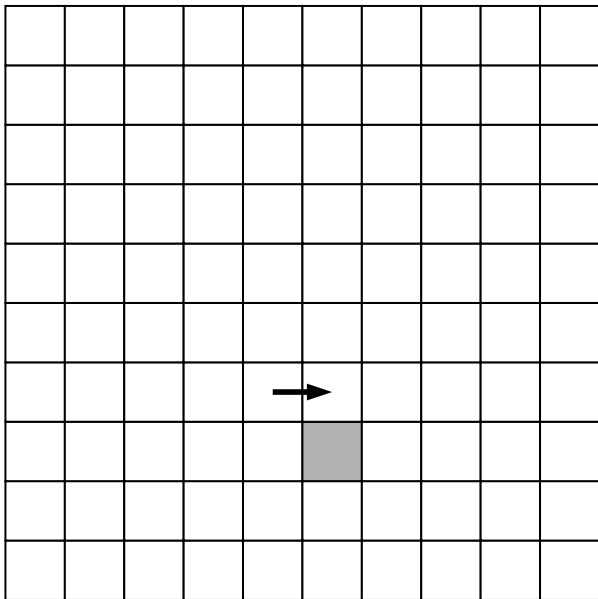
C'est un animal hypothétique qui se déplace sur un réseau en 2D, en fonction de règles simples, qui dépendent de la «couleur» des cases sur laquelle elle se trouve.



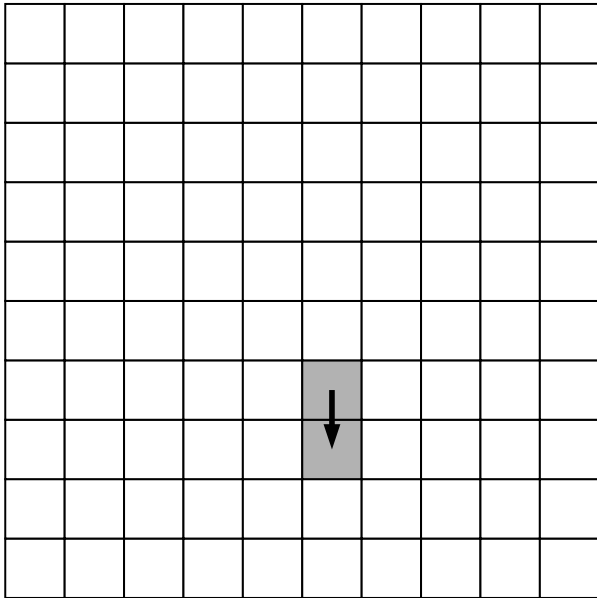
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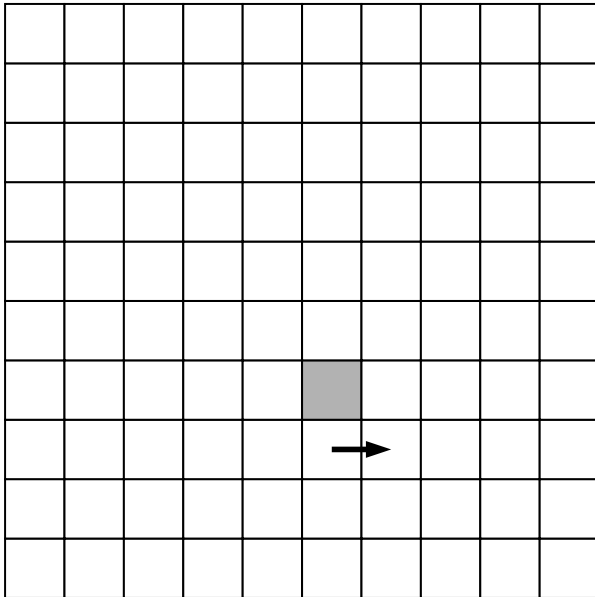
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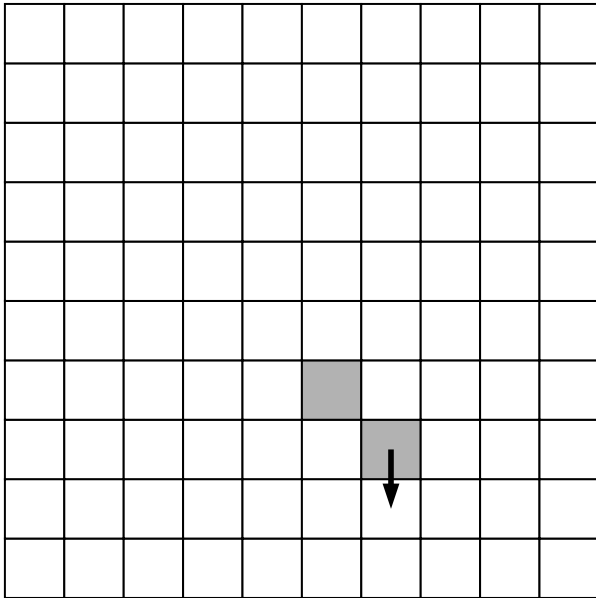


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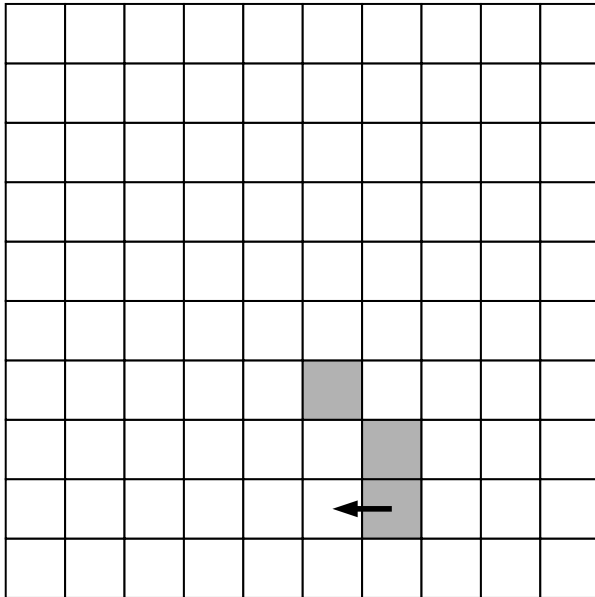




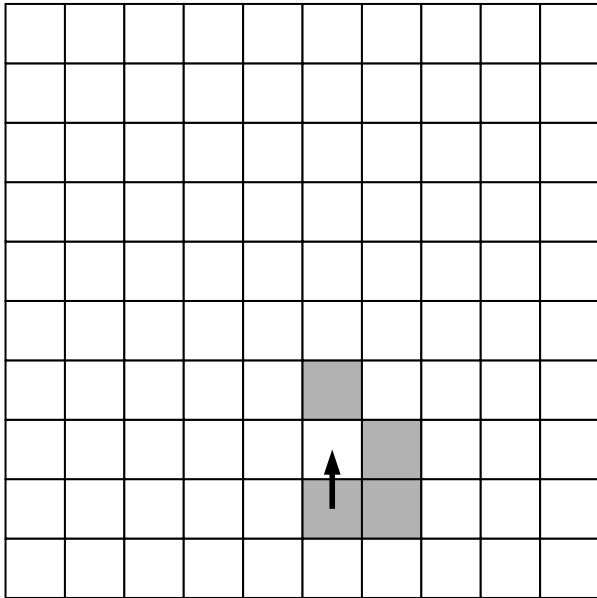
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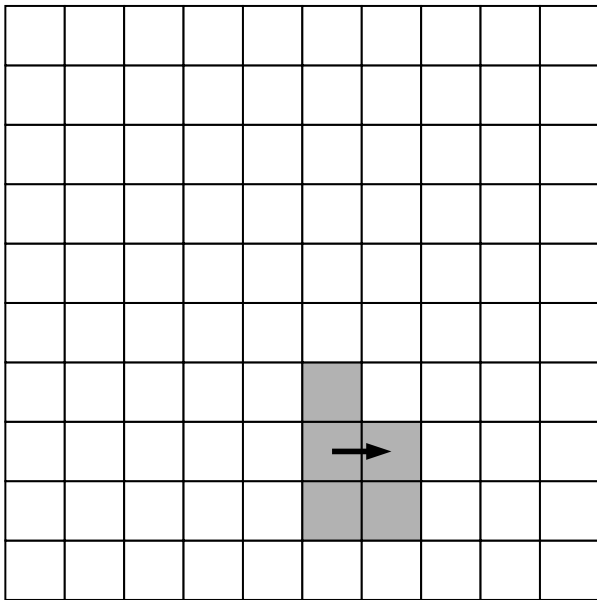
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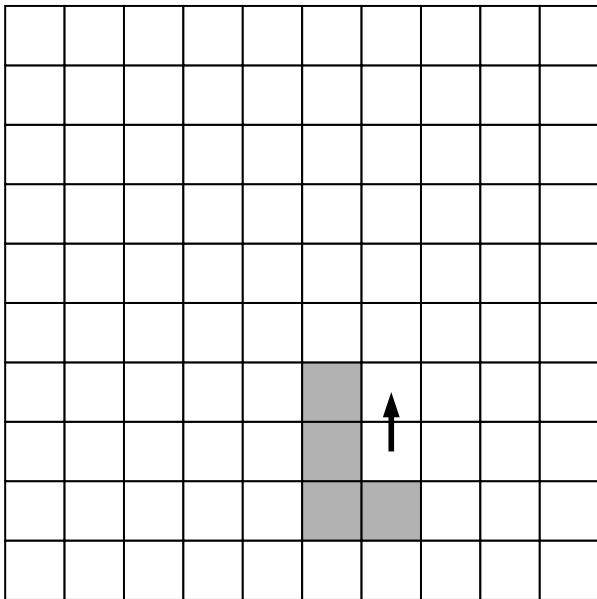
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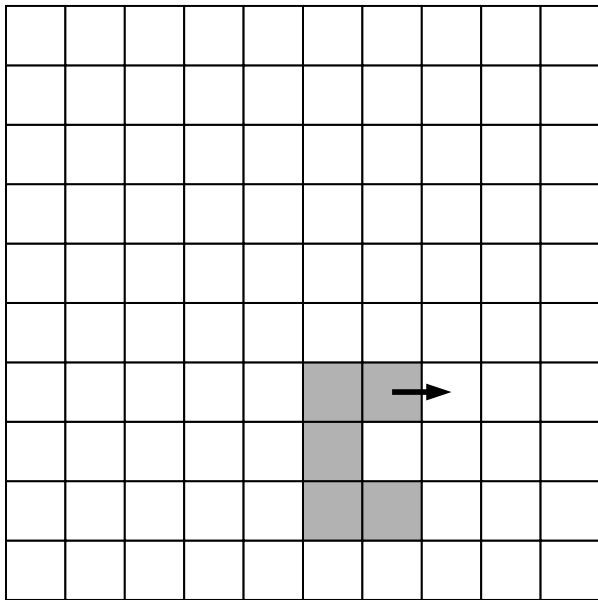
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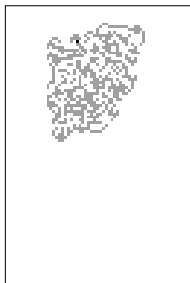


# Où va la fourmi, finalement ?

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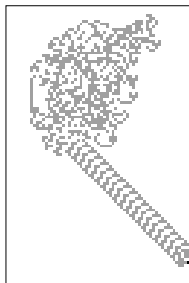
# Où va la fourmi, finalement ?



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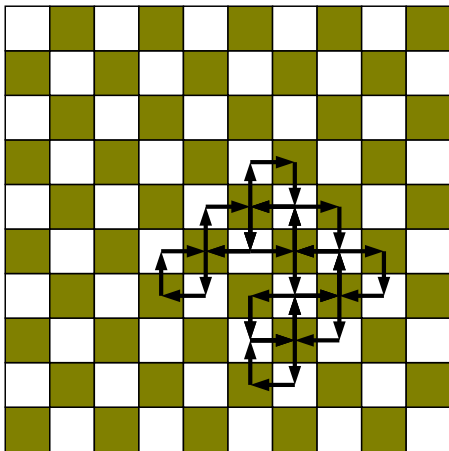


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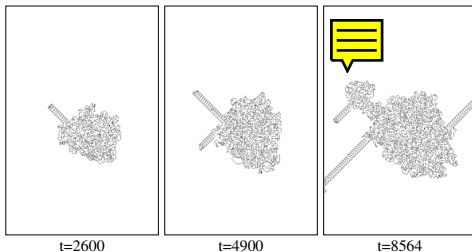
## La fourmi s'échappe toujours à l'infini



Quelque soit la distribution des cases blanches et grises.

# What about many ants?

- ▶ Adapt the “change of color” rule
- ▶ Cooperative and destructive effects
- ▶ The trajectory can be bounded or not
- ▶ Past/futur symmetry explains periodic motion



# Impact sur la démarche scientifique

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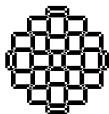
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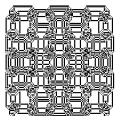
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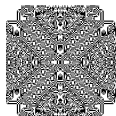
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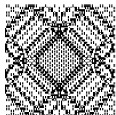
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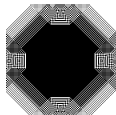
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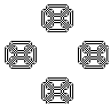
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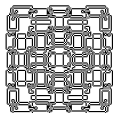
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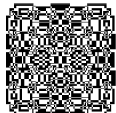
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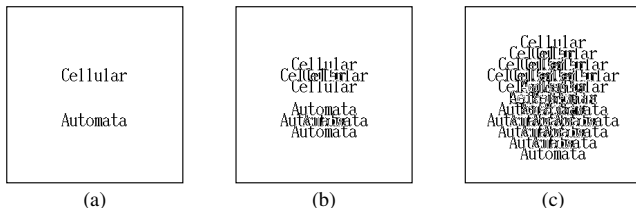


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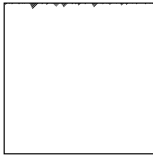


After  $2^k$  iterations, the pattern is the superposition of the initial pattern shifted by  $k$  cells in each of the four directions. Therefore one can compute the pattern at iteration  $t$  in  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 \log t)$  operations instead of  $\mathcal{O}(n^2 t)$  for the simulation.

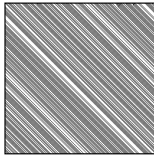
# Wolfram's rules

256 one-dimensional, 3 neighbors Cellular Automata :

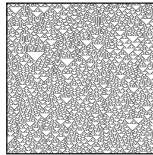
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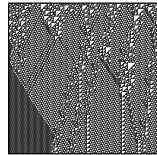
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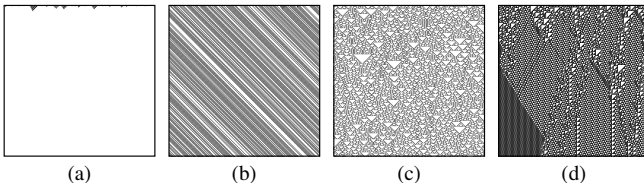


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Coombs, Stephen 2009, The Geometry and Pigmentation of Seashells

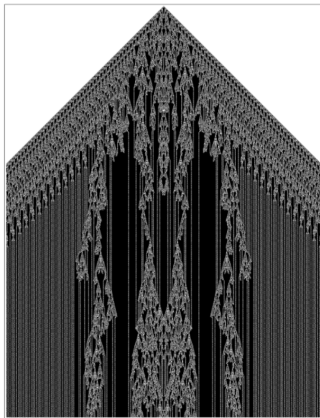
## Wolfram's rules : complexity classes



- ▶ **Class I** Reaches a fixed point
- ▶ **Class II** Reaches a limit cycle
- ▶ **Class III** self-similar, chaotic attractor
- ▶ **Class IV** unpredictable persistent structures, irreducible, universal computer

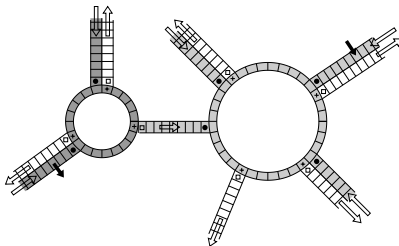
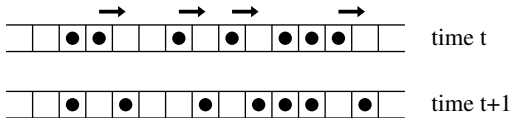
Note : it is **undecidable** whether a rule belongs or not to a given class.

# Wolfram's rules : 1D, 5 neighbors

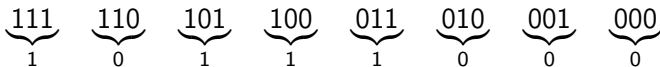
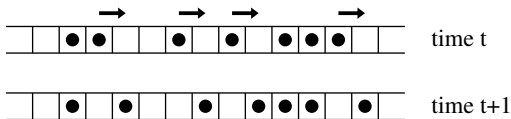


## 5.5 Traffic Models

A vehicle can move only when the downstream cell is free.



## Evolution rule (rule 184)



$$n_i(t+1) = n_i(t) \times n_{i+1} + (1 - n_i(t)) \times n_{i-1}(t)$$

There are also multi-speed models.

## Physical quantities : car density

The car density at time  $t$  on a road segment of length  $L$  is defined as

$$\rho(t) = \frac{N(t)}{L}$$

where  $N$  is the no of cars along  $L$



## Physical quantities : velocity and flow

The average velocity  $\langle v \rangle$  at time  $t$  on this segment is defined as

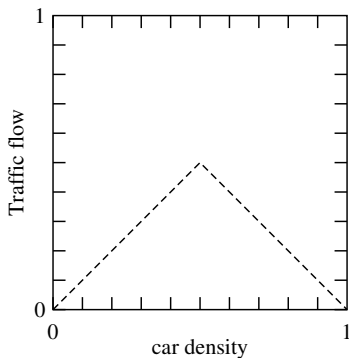
$$\langle v \rangle = \frac{M(t)}{N(t)} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N v_i$$

where  $M(t)$  is the number of car moving at time  $t$

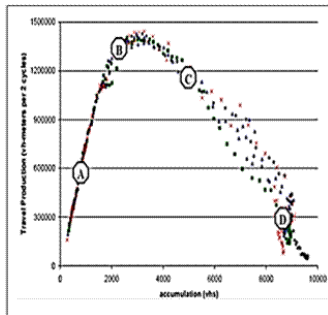
The traffic flow  $j$  is defined as

$$j = \rho \langle v \rangle$$

# Fundamental Flow diagram



rule 184



## Macroscopic Fundamental Diagram for San-Francisco

N. Geroliminis, and C. Daganzo, "Existence of urban - scale macroscopic fundamental diagrams : Some experimental findings," Transportation Research Part B42, issue 9, (2008). pp 759 - 770.

# Fundamental Flow diagram : another case

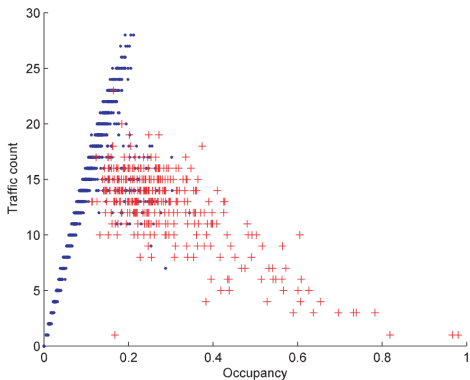


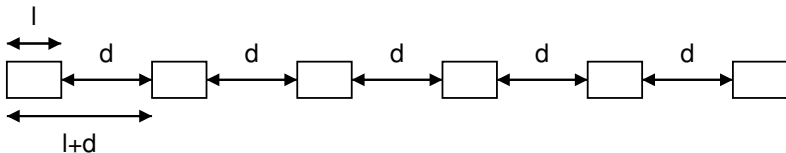
FIGURE 5 Split of observations. Dots indicate free flow; plus signs indicate congested flow.

J. Li, 1001 Ghausi Hall, and H. M. Zhang (2001). Transportation Research Record : Journal of the Transportation Research Board, No. 2260, Transportation Research Board of the National Academies,

DOI : 10.3141/2260-0

## A more general numerical model

Let us assume cars of length  $\ell$ , each separated by a distance  $d$  (head-tail distance).



The density  $\rho$  is defined as the number of cars per meter occupied on the road, namely

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\ell + d} \left[ \frac{1}{m} \right]$$

The maximum density is  $\rho_{max} = 1/\ell$ , when  $d = 0$ .

## Car speed depends of $d$

Let is further assume that the car velocity is proportional to  $d$

$$v = \gamma d$$

( $\gamma = 0.5$  to have 2 seconds between cars, with  $v$  and  $d$  expressed in  $m/s$  and  $m$ , respectively).

We assume that there is a maximum velocity  $v_{max}$  (speed limit for instance) and that cars try to drive as fast as possible, only limited by  $v_{max}$  and  $d$ .

At speed  $v_{max}$  the distance  $d$  should be larger than  $d_{max}$  defined as

$$d_{max} = \frac{v_{max}}{\gamma}$$

## Free flow : $\rho \leq \rho_c$

If  $d$  is large,  $d \geq d_{max} = v_{max}/\gamma$ , cars will drive at maximum speed. This corresponds to a car density

$$\rho = \frac{1}{\ell + d} \leq \rho_c \equiv \frac{1}{\ell + d_{max}} = \frac{1}{\ell + \frac{v_{max}}{\gamma}}$$

where  $\rho_c$  is the critical density

Thus, for  $\rho \leq \rho_c$  cars can drive at speed  $v_{max}$ , and the flow  $j$  is

$$j = \rho v = \rho v_{max}$$

and

$$j_{max} = \rho_c v_{max} = \frac{v_{max}}{\ell + \frac{v_{max}}{\gamma}} \rightarrow \gamma$$

## Congested regime : $\rho \geq \rho_c$

For car densities  $\rho \geq \rho_c$  the velocity  $v$  is limited by the distance  $d$  which is obtained from

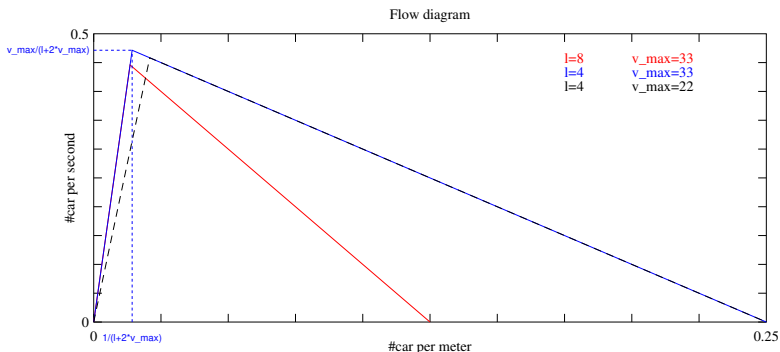
$$\rho = \frac{1}{\ell + d} \quad \Rightarrow \quad d = \frac{1 - \ell\rho}{\rho}$$

Then the flow is

$$j = \rho v = \rho \gamma d = \rho \gamma \frac{1 - \ell\rho}{\rho} = \gamma(1 - \ell\rho)$$

# Fundamental flow diagram

Let us now take  $v_{max} = 33m/s = 120km/h$ ,  $\gamma = 0.5$  and consider cars of length  $\ell = 8m$  and  $\ell = 4m$ .



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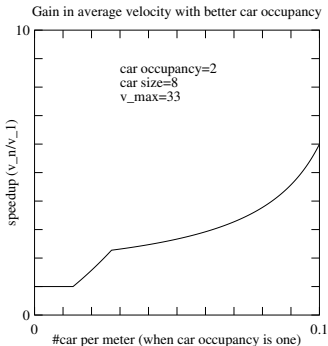
## Increase the number of passengers per car

Instead of 1 passenger per car, let us consider the case of car pooling.

With  $n$  passengers per car, one reduces  $\rho$  by a factor  $n$ .

The velocity for single occupation is

$$v_1(\rho) = \begin{cases} v_{max} & \text{if } \rho \leq \rho_c = \frac{1}{\ell + v_{max}/\gamma} \\ \gamma \frac{1 - \ell\rho}{\rho} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



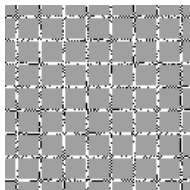
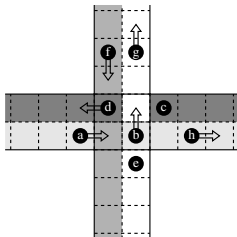
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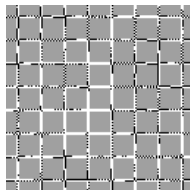
$$v_n(\rho) = v_1(\rho/n)$$

the speedup is defined as  $v_n(\rho)/v_1(\rho)$  and it indicates the reduction of the travel time.

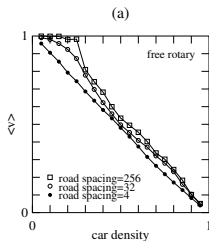
# Traffic in a Manhattan-like city



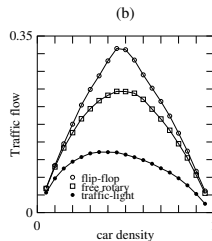
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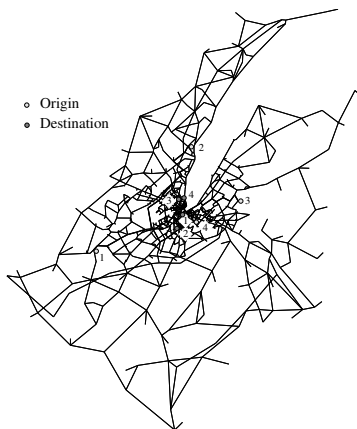


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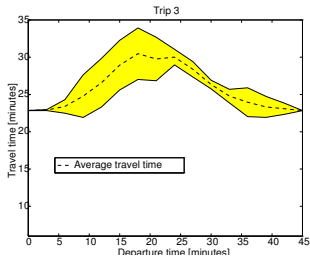
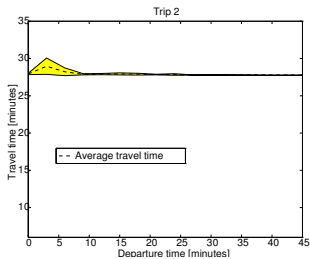
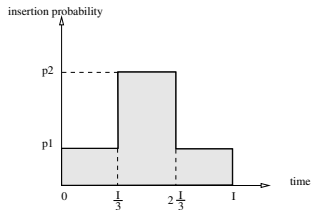
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# Case of the city of Geneva

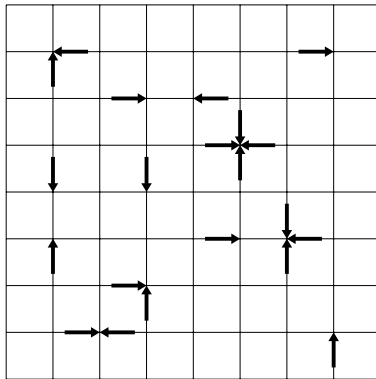
- ▶ 1066 junctions
- ▶ 3145 road segments
- ▶ 560886 road cells
- ▶ 85055 cars



# Travel time during the rush hour

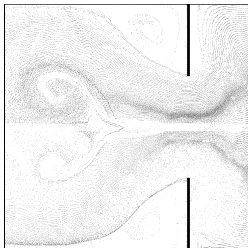


## 5.6 Lattice gases – Gaz sur Réseau



## Gaz sur réseau

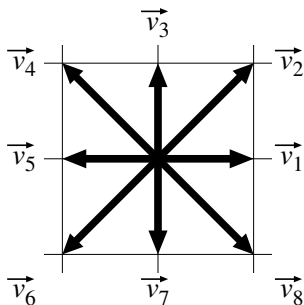
- ▶ C'est un AC qui modélise un fluide (ou un gaz) par la dynamique de particules discrètes se déplaçant sur un réseaux
- ▶ LGA : Lattice Gas automata
- ▶ Dynamique moléculaire entièrement discrètes
- ▶ Particules idéalisée, à une échelle **mésoscopique** : les détails microscopiques sont simplifiés, mais effet collectif d'un fluide



# Gaz sur réseau

- ▶ On peut montrer rigoureusement l'équivalence de ce type de modèle avec le comportement d'un vrai fluide.
- ▶ On parle de CA-fluid ou LGA-fluid
- ▶ On peut aussi représenter des processus de diffusion, réaction chimique, advection, etc.
- ▶ Les modèles de Boltzmann sur réseau vont généraliser cette méthode

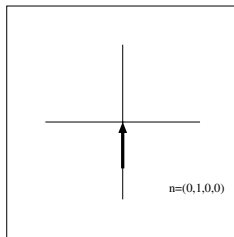
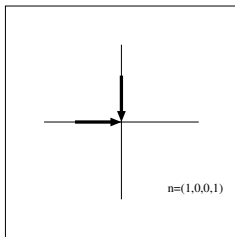
## Description



- ▶ les particules ont un nombre fini de vitesses possibles,  $v_i$
- ▶ Elles sont telles qu'en un pas de temps  $\Delta t$  de l'AC, elles sautent sur un autre site du réseau, parcourant typiquement une distance  $\Delta x$ .
- ▶ le choix des  $v_i$  est fortement lié au choix du réseau sous-jacent puisque  $r + \Delta t v_i$  doit être un site du réseau



# Description



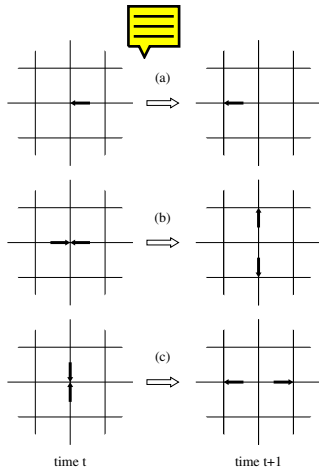
- ▶ L'état de chaque site (cellule)  $r$  est décrit par des « nombres d'occupation »  $n_i(r, t)$
- ▶  $n_i(r, t) = 1$  signifie qu'une particule *entre* dans le site  $r$  au temps  $t$  avec vitesse  $v_i$ .
- ▶  $n_i = 0$  signifie l'absence d'une particule entrante par ce canal
- ▶  $n = (n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4)$

# Principe d'exclusion

- ▶  $n_i \in \{0, 1\}$  est un booléen : au max 1 particule par site et par direction.
- ▶ Un nombre fini de bit est donc suffisant pour décrire l'état du système

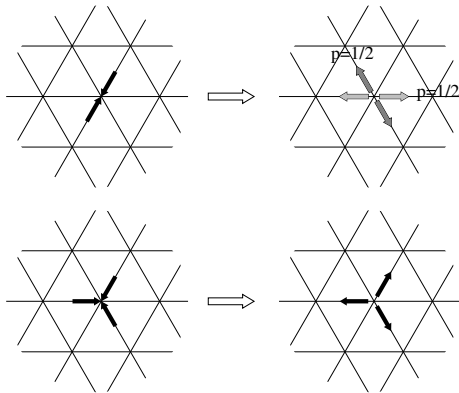
## Example : HPP model collision rules

- ▶ HPP : Hardy, Pomeau, de Pazzis, 1971 : kinetic theory of point particles on the D2Q4 lattice
- ▶ FHP : Frisch, Hasslacher and Pomeau, 1986 : first LGA reproducing a (almost) correct hydrodynamic behavior (Navier-Stokes eq.)



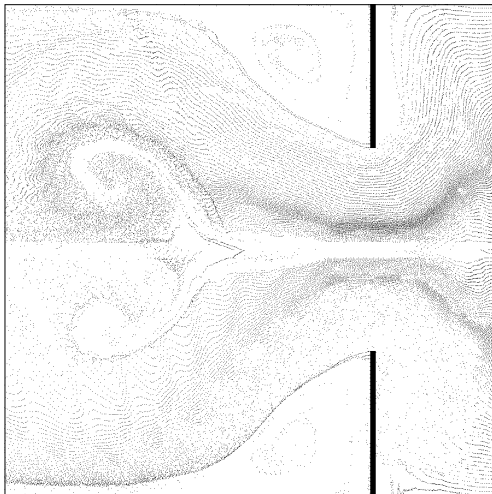
Exact mass and momentum conservation : that is what really matters for a fluid!!!

# FHP model



Stochastic rule with Conservation of mass and momentum.

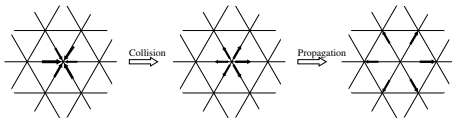
# Flow past an obstacle (FHP)



# Microdynamics of LGA

It consists of two steps. We define  $n_i^{in} = n_i$  and  $n_i^{out}$  to better specify them

- ▶ **Collision step** : The quantities  $n_i^{in}$  “collide” locally. Particles are deviated and new values  $n_i^{out}$  are computed at each lattice site, according to a pre-defined collision operator  $\Omega_i(n)$
- ▶ **Propagation step** : The quantity  $n_i^{out}(r)$  is sent to the neighboring site along lattice direction  $v_i$ .



# Microdynamics of LGA

In formula, we get

- ▶ collision :  $n_i^{out}(r, t) = n_i^{in}(r, t) + \Omega_i(n^{in}(r, t))$
- ▶ propagation :  $n_i^{in}(r + v_i \Delta t, t + \Delta t) = n_i^{out}(r, t)$

where  $\Delta t$  carries the time units and  $v_i$  has the unit of a velocity.

Particles traveling in direction  $v_i$  will reach lattice site  $r + v_i$ , still with the same velocity  $v_i$ .

## Microdynamics of LGA

The above formula reflects how the LGA microdynamics is implemented in a computer. But mathematically, one can combine the collision and propagation steps into :

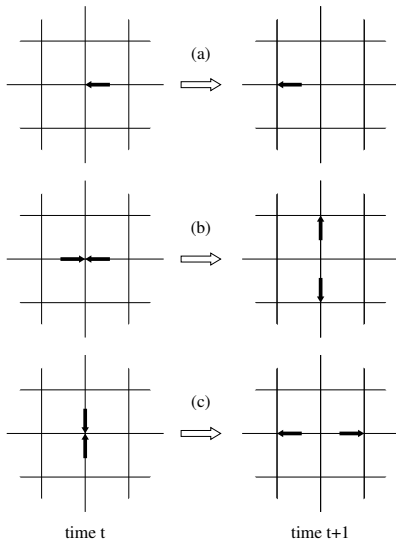
$$n_i(\mathbf{r} + \mathbf{v}_i \Delta t, t + \Delta t) = n_i(\mathbf{r}, t) + \Omega_i(n(\mathbf{r}, t))$$

where  $n_i \equiv n_i^{in}$

Note : if  $\Omega_i = 0$ , we obtain a free particle motion



# HPP model



# HPP model : Computer Implementation

## Admitted velocities

$$v_1 = (1, 0), \quad v_2 = (0, 1), \quad v_3 = (-1, 0) \quad v_4 = (0, -1)$$

## Microdynamics :

$$n_i^{out} = n_i$$

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$$n_i^{out} = n_i - n_i n_{i+2} (1 - n_{i+1}) (1 - n_{i+3})$$

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and

$$n_i(r) = n_i^{out}(r - v_i)$$

## Mass and momentum conservation

The incoming mass is

$$\rho^{in}(r, t) = \sum_i n_i^{in}(r, t)$$

the outgoing mass is

$$\rho^{out}(r, t) = \sum_i n_i^{out}(r, t)$$

It is easy to check that the HPP collision rule is such that

$$\rho^{in}(r, t) = \rho^{out}(r, t)$$

Similarly, **momentum** is defined as

$$j(r, t) \equiv \rho(r, t)u(r, t) = \sum_i v_i n_i(r, t)$$

and it is easy to show that HPP conserves it during collision

# Demos

- ▶ Pressure/density wave : anisotropy
- ▶ Reversibility
- ▶ Spurious invariants : momentum along each line and column, checkerboard invariant
- ▶ Diffusion, DLA, reaction-diffusion models

## Some demos

- ▶ Sound wave propagation for FHP
- ▶ Snow transport by wind



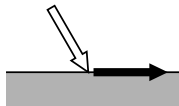
# Boundary conditions



(a)



(b)



(c)

(a) Specular reflection, (b) bounce back condition and (c) trapping wall condition

The **Bounce Back rule** implements a no-slip condition. It is the most common choice :

$$n_i^{out} = n_{-i}^{in}$$