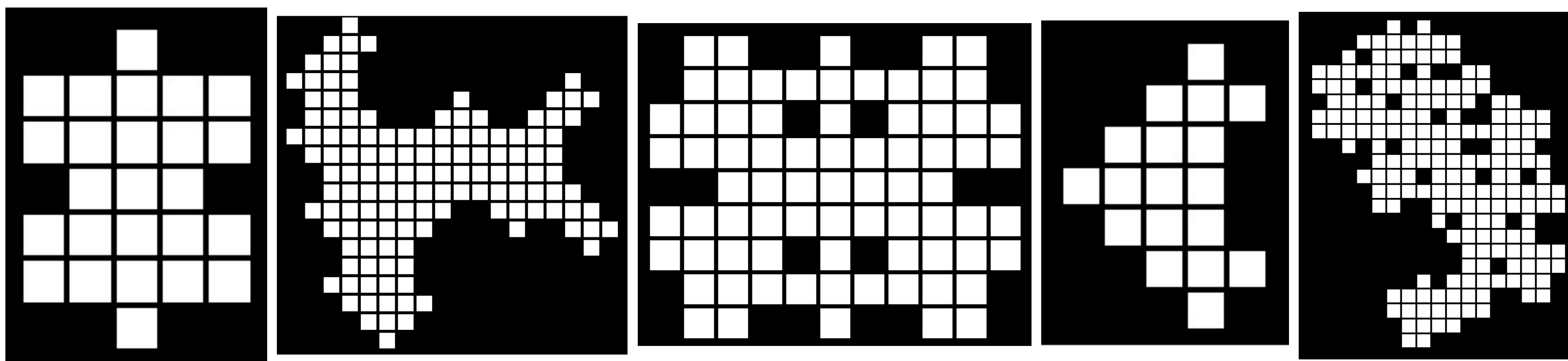


# Efficient Discovery of Halting Paths in Aggregation System Multiway Graphs

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## GOAL

Explore totalistic aggregation systems through simulations and visualization with multiway graph analysis. Classify aggregation systems rules and uncover insights on criteria for rules and minimal initial conditions for halting.

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Development of a diverse collection of visual computations for these systems, offering valuable tools for further exploration and optimization; External simulation software to perform manual/random walks in these systems; Proposal of relevant classification of rules, focusing on a subset of 96 rules and demonstrating that 32 of them never halt, further narrowing down the “gray area for conclusions” to a group of 64 rules, and revealing limited halting properties on 40 of them.

## FUTURE WORK

The 16 3-Bit rules that resisted halting have a shared property that suggests they may be impossible to halt. Constructing a definitive proof for this observation would be a significant step forward. Further in-depth exploration of 2-Bit and 3-Bit rules, specially 3-Bit sensitivity to some initial configurations. Explore alternative halt-finding method, involving pruning subgraphs of the multiway graph. Develop cell selection policies to target halting paths in the simulation software.

