

# Cellular Automaton Simulation for Biological Computation (Maman 11)

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## Overview

This project is a **cellular automaton simulation** developed as an academic task for the **Biological Computation Course**. It models complex environmental interactions using a particle-based system where each cell interacts with its neighbors based on configurable properties. The project explores emergent behavior and environmental dynamics using cellular automata principles.

## Features

- **Complete Configuration Control:** Configure properties for every aspect of the simulation, including pollution dynamics, temperature changes, water transfer, and more.
- **Robust Core Logic:** The heart of the simulation lies in the **core** folder, which meticulously implements the cellular automaton behavior.
- **Educational Focus:** Designed to demonstrate the capabilities of cellular automata for academic study and research.
- **Graphical User Interface:**
  - Real-time visualization of simulation results
- **Logging:**
  - Info-level messages printed to the console
  - Detailed debug logs saved to **simulation.log**

## Project Structure

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├── main.py                # Main entry point for the simulation
├── cli_output.log         # Cli output exapmle
├── config/               # Configuration management files
│   ├── config_state_handler.py
│   └── conf_presets.py
├── core/                 # Core simulation logic (critical for behavior)
│   ├── Particle.py
│   ├── Simulation.py
│   ├── World.py
│   └── __init__.py
├── display/              # Visualization modules
│   ├── MatplotlibDisplay.py
│   └── __init__.py
├── screenshots/          # Screenshot of the graphical interface
│   └── _GUI.png
└── utils/                # Utility functions
    └── helpers.py
```

## Configuration Properties

The configuration properties are the foundation of this simulation. Each property can be modified to customize the behavior and environment.

## General Simulation Parameters

- `days`: Default Simulation Duration (Days).
- `grid_size`: Default Grid Size (X, Y, Z).
- `initial_ratios`: Proportions of cell types (e.g., `forest`, `city`, etc.).

## Baseline Environmental Properties

- `baseline_temperature`: Baseline Temperature (°C).
- `baseline_pollution_level`: Baseline Pollution Levels.

## Pollution Transfer Weights

- `cell_type_pollution_transfer_weights`: Pollution Transfer Weights by Cell Type.

## Temperature Transfer Weights

- `cell_type_temperature_transfer_weights`: Temperature Transfer Weights by Cell Type.

## Water Transfer Weights

- `cell_type_water_transfer_weights`: Water Transfer Weights by Cell Type.

## Forest Properties

- `forest_pollution_absorption_rate`: Rate at which forests absorb pollution.
- `forest_cooling_effect`: Cooling effect of forests on the environment.
- `forest_pollution_extinction_point`: Pollution level beyond which forests die.
- `forest_temperature_extinction_point`: Temperature beyond which forests die.

## City Properties

- `city_pollution_generation_rate`: Rate of pollution generation by cities.
- `city_warming_effect`: Warming effect caused by cities.
- `city_temperature_extinction_point`: Maximum temperature for city survival.
- `city_pollution_extinction_point`: Pollution level beyond which cities collapse.

## Physical Properties

- `freezing_point`: Temperature (°C) at which water freezes.
- `melting_point`: Temperature (°C) at which ice melts.
- `evaporation_point`: Temperature (°C) at which water evaporates.

## Water Transfer Dynamics

- `water_transfer_threshold`: Minimum water mass difference for transfer.
- `water_transfer_rate`: Rate of water transfer between cells.
- `ocean_conversion_threshold`: Water mass required to convert a cell to ocean.

## Pollution Dynamics

- `pollution_damage_threshold`: Pollution level causing damage to ecosystems.
- `pollution_level_tipping_point`: Pollution level beyond which damage accelerates.
- `natural_pollution_decay_rate`: Rate at which pollution naturally decays.

## Temperature Dynamics

- `natural_temperature_decay_rate`: Rate at which temperature equalizes to baseline.

## Cloud Properties

- `cloud_saturation_threshold`: Minimum water mass for clouds to precipitate.

## Environmental Change Rates

- `melting_rate`: Rate at which ice melts.
- `evaporation_rate`: Rate at which water evaporates.

## Conversion Weights

- `cell_type_collision_weights`: Weights governing cell-type collisions.

## Base Colors

- `base_colors`: RGBA colors for each cell type.

## 2. Choose Configuration

When prompted, select one of the following options:

1. **Default Configuration Preset**: Uses pre-defined default parameters.
2. **Choose Preset**: Select from a list of predefined presets (e.g., low pollution, high pollution).
3. **Custom Parameters**: Define every property manually.

## 3. Simulation Execution

- After selecting a configuration, the program validates it and begins the simulation.
- Progress is displayed in real time through a graphical interface.

## 4. Visualizations

- **Graphs**:
  - Pollution trends over time.
  - Average temperature and water mass.
  - Cell type population counts and standard deviations.
- **3D Visualization**:
  - Displays the grid and cell types with their interactions and transformations.

## 5. Logs and Results

- Results and metrics are logged in `cli_output.log` for further analysis.
- Metrics include averages, standard deviations, and configuration details.

## Code and Logic

### Core Components

- **Particle.py**: Defines the behavior of individual cells, including pollution absorption, water transfer, and type-specific interactions.
- **Simulation.py**: Manages the simulation lifecycle, precomputing states for multiple days and tracking metrics.
- **World.py**: Represents the grid and initializes particles using elevation maps.

### Visualization

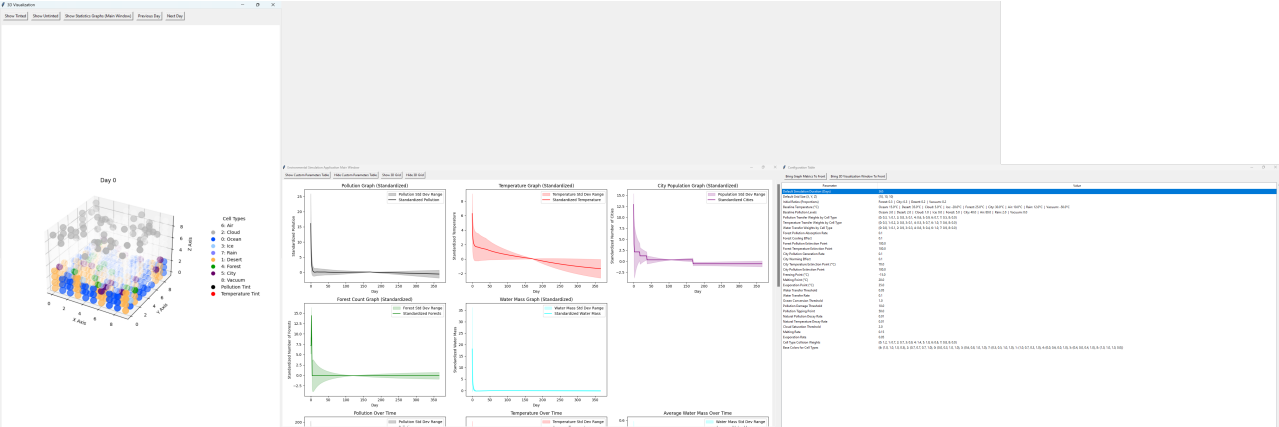
- **MatplotlibDisplay.py**: Generates graphs and 3D visualizations.
- **Real-Time GUI**: Displays metrics and allows interaction during the simulation.

## Example Workflow

1. Run the program:

```
python main.py
```

2. Choose a configuration preset or define your custom setup.
3. Observe the simulation progress through the GUI.
4. CLI output example can be found in the `cli_output` file.
5. GUI Screenshot



## Requirements

### Python Version

- Python 3.11.x

### Python Libraries

The program depends on the following Python libraries:

- `numpy==1.24.4`
- `noise==1.2.2`
- `matplotlib==3.9.3`

## Installation

### Step 1: Clone or Download the Repository

Download the project files to your local machine.

1. Clone this repository or download the ZIP file:

```
git clone https://github.com/v1t31s0n/Cellular-Automaton
cd Cellular-Automaton
```

### Step 2: Install Dependencies

1. Open a terminal (Linux/Bash or Command Prompt on Windows).
2. Navigate to the project directory:

```
cd path/to/project
```

3. Install the required libraries using `pip`:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

## Usage Instructions

### Running the Program

#### Running on Windows

1. Navigate to the project directory:

```
cd path\to\project
```

2. Run the program:

```
python main.py
```

#### Running on Linux/Bash

1. Navigate to the project directory:

```
cd path/to/project
```

2. Run the program:

```
python3 main.py
```

## Compiling to an Executable

### Compiling for Windows on Windows

1. Ensure PyInstaller is installed:

```
pip install pyinstaller
```

2. Run the following command to bundle the project into a standalone `.exe` file:

```
C:\Users\Studio\AppData\Local\Programs\Python\Python311\Scripts\pyinstaller
--onefile ^
--add-data "config/*.py;config" ^
--add-data "core/*.py;core" ^
--add-data "display/*.py;display" ^
--add-data "utils/*.py;utils" ^
main.py
```

3. The executable will be located in the `dist/` folder:

```
dist\main.exe
```

### Compiling for Windows on Linux/Bash

1. Install **PyInstaller** and the necessary cross-compilation tools:

```
pip install pyinstaller
sudo apt-get install mingw-w64
```

2. Use the `--win` option with **PyInstaller** to specify a Windows target:

```
pyinstaller --onefile \  
  --add-data "config/*.py:config" \  
  --add-data "core/*.py:core" \  
  --add-data "display/*.py:display" \  
  --add-data "utils/*.py:utils" \  
  --name main.exe \  
  main.py
```

3. The compiled **.exe** file will be located in the **dist/** folder:

```
dist/main.exe
```

## Troubleshooting

### Common Issues

1. **Missing Dependencies:** Ensure all required libraries are installed:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

2. **Executable Closes Immediately:** Run the executable from a terminal or Command Prompt to view error messages:

```
./dist/main.exe
```

3. **FileNotFoundError:** Ensure all **--add-data** paths are correctly specified during compilation.

## Logging

- **Console Output:** Info-level messages are printed to the console.
- **File Logging:** Detailed logs are saved to **simulation.log**.

## Academic Integrity

This project is an independent academic submission for the **Biological Computation Course**. The implementation, configuration, and logic have been designed solely by **Guy Vitelson**.