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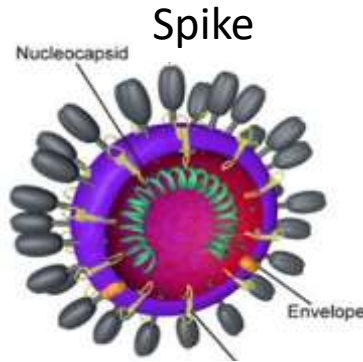
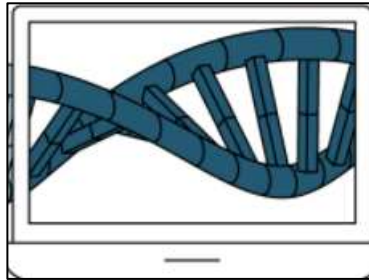
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# Application Vaccine Design

Computer DNA design



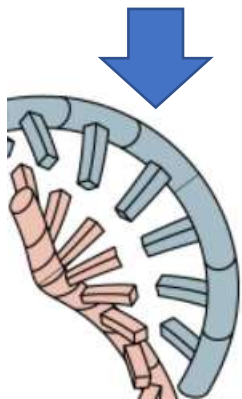
[Belouzard et al., 2012](#)

Genetic sequencing Covi-19 virus and mutants, identify specific sub-sequence

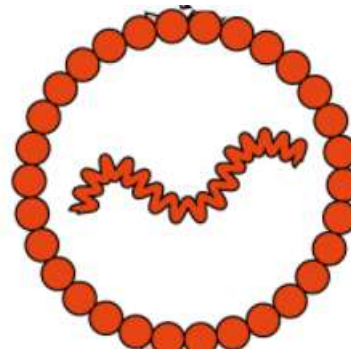
Synthetic DNA design for building instructions for Sars-CoV-2 spike protein = one part of virus shell, not a pathogen, but generates antibodies



Insert synthetic DNA as a “template” into bacteria, mass breed bacteria → produce large mass of spike DNA by replication, harvest from bacteria



Separate DNA strands → use enzyme RNA polymerase to make mRNA



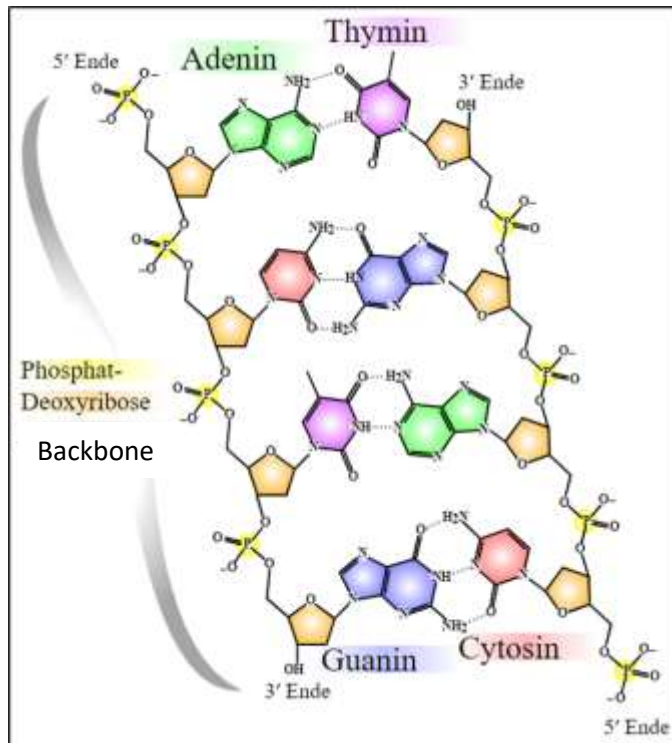
Insert into lipid nanoparticle, safe transfer into body

# DNA/RNA Building Blocks

James Watson and Francis Crick (1951) structure of DNA:

Genetic code = encrypted functionality and structure of biologic tissue matter.

## DNA Structure



Excerpt genetic sequence

—G - G - C - G - C - C—

Main DNA components =

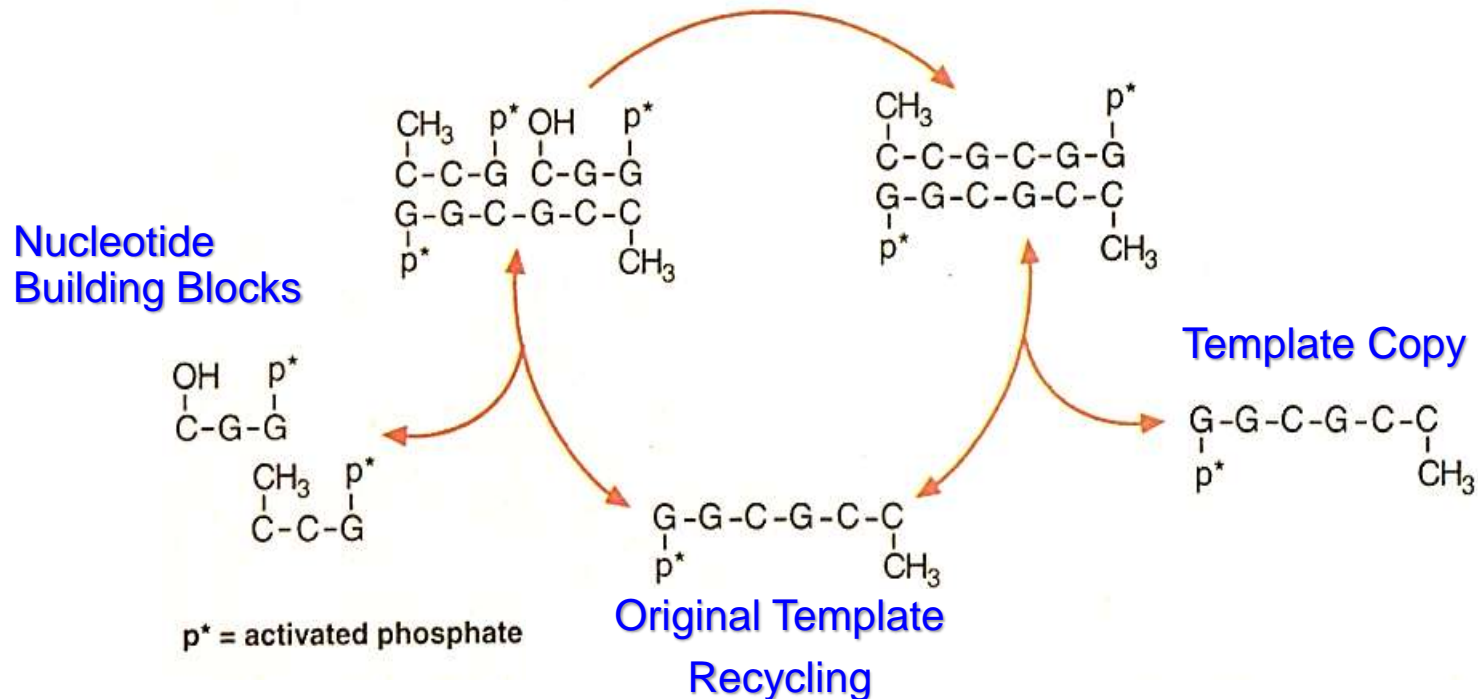
Bases: adenine (A), cytosine (C), guanine (G), and thymine (T)

Bases can form pairs and link together → DNA double helix

	DNA	RNA
Shape	Double helix	Single strand
Sugar	Deoxyribose	Ribose
Base	Thymine	Uracil
Length	Long	Short

# Complementary Base-Pairing

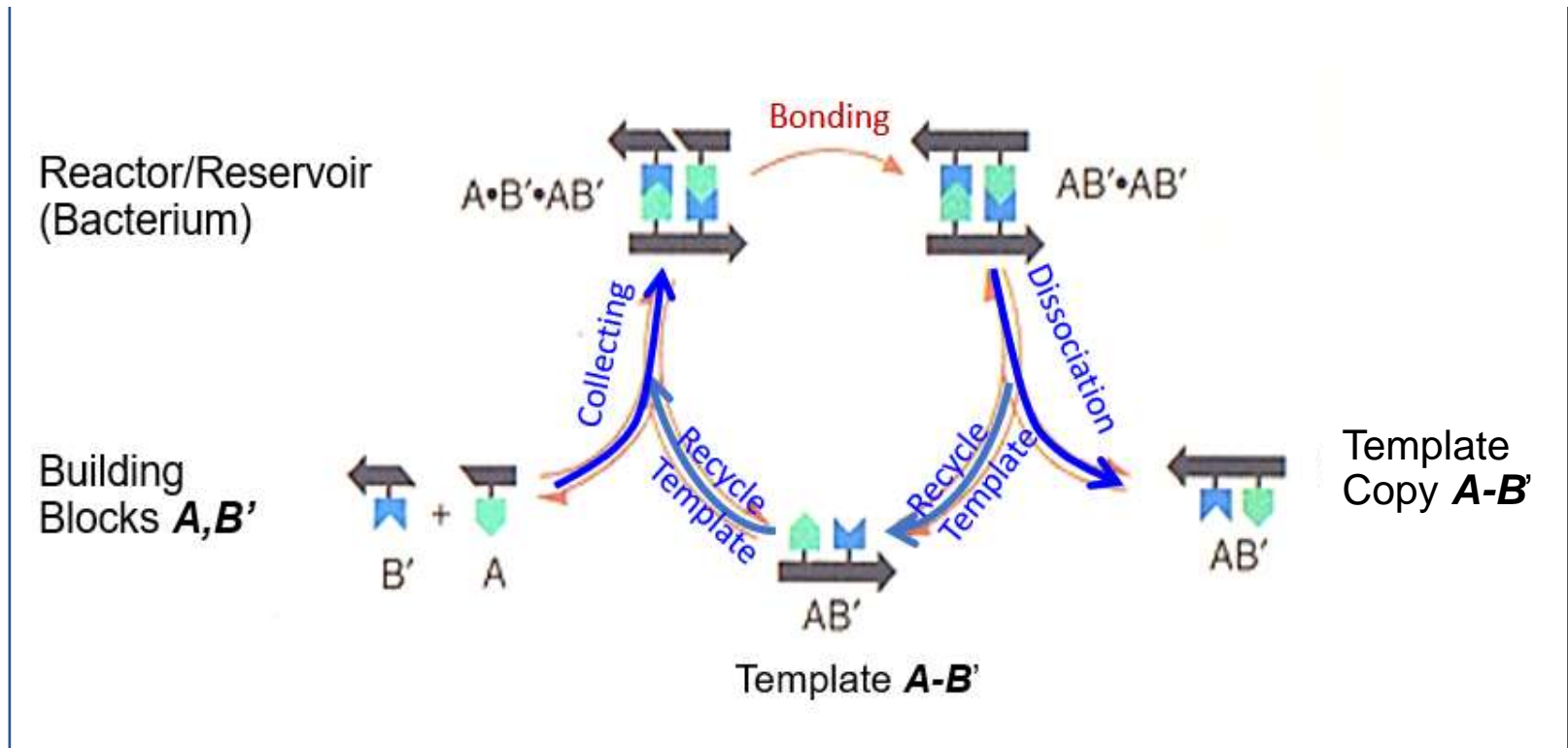
DNA template = palindromic (left-right self-complementary)



Use 2 nucleotide trimers to align and pair with hexa-DNA template, bind the two trimers  $\rightarrow$  bound hexamer on template  $\rightarrow$  Recover original template plus one copy.

# Autocatalytic Self-Replication

Autocatalytic self-replication with template: Cycle combines available separate building blocks  $A$ ,  $B'$  on template, dissociates template from copy, Re-cycles template



Each cycle makes another template copy  $\rightarrow$  exponential growth in numbers, inhibits other competing processes.

# Mathematics of Self-Replication

Represent replication structure by set of rules:

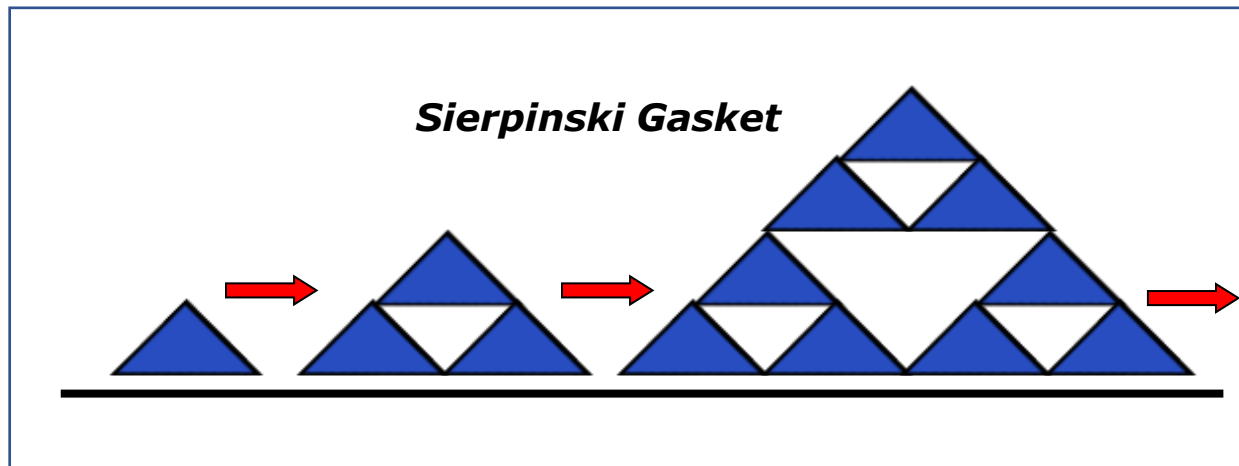
Simplest case rule  $\rightarrow$  function  $\mathbf{G}$ ,

“Parent” = Object  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0$  starting point of a series

Descendant (“child”)  $\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_0)$  = copy of  $\mathbf{x}_0$ ,

possible transformation (scaling, translation, ...)  $\rightarrow$  **Self-Similar Structures**

$$\mathbf{x}_n = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_{n-1}) = \mathbf{G}[\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_{n-2})] = \mathbf{G}\{\mathbf{G}[\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_{n-3})]\} = \mathbf{G}^n(\mathbf{x}_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{Map}$$



Generation  $\mathbf{x}_0$

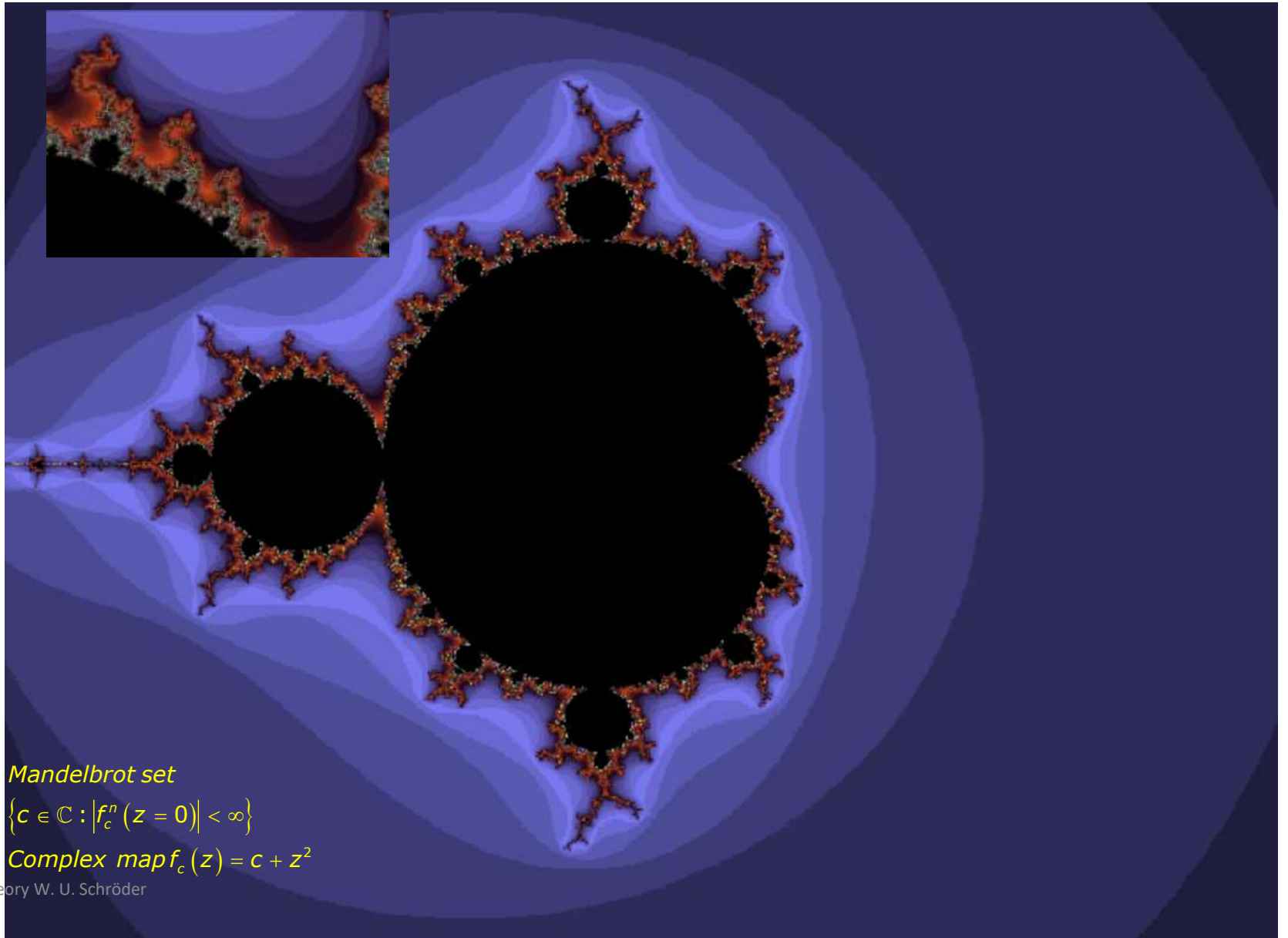
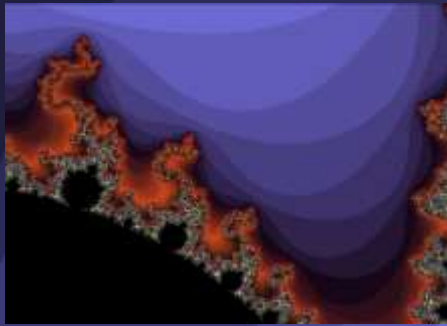
$\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_0)$

$\mathbf{G}(\mathbf{x}_1)$

Fractal structures

[See tutorial](#)

# Fractal Mandelbrot Set



*Mandelbrot set*

$$\{c \in \mathbb{C} : |f_c^n(z=0)| < \infty\}$$

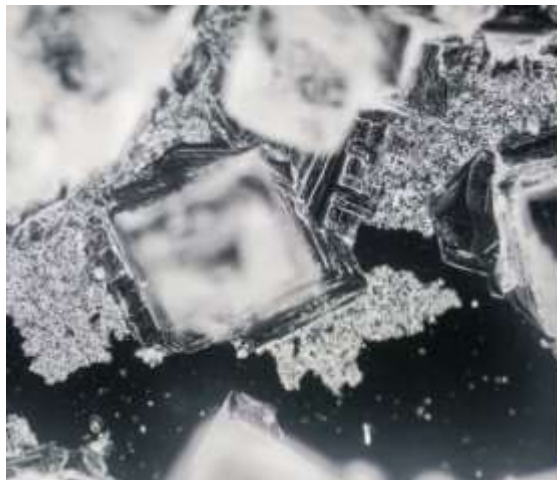
*Complex map*  $f_c(z) = c + z^2$

# Simple Rules Govern Complexity

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Manganese dendrites on limestone



Precipitate from saturated solution

- ..in processes and structures to which they lead
- self-organizing, orderly behavior,
  - co-operative phenomena
    - global fractal structures,
  - In the limit: complete disorder/chaos

## Examples:

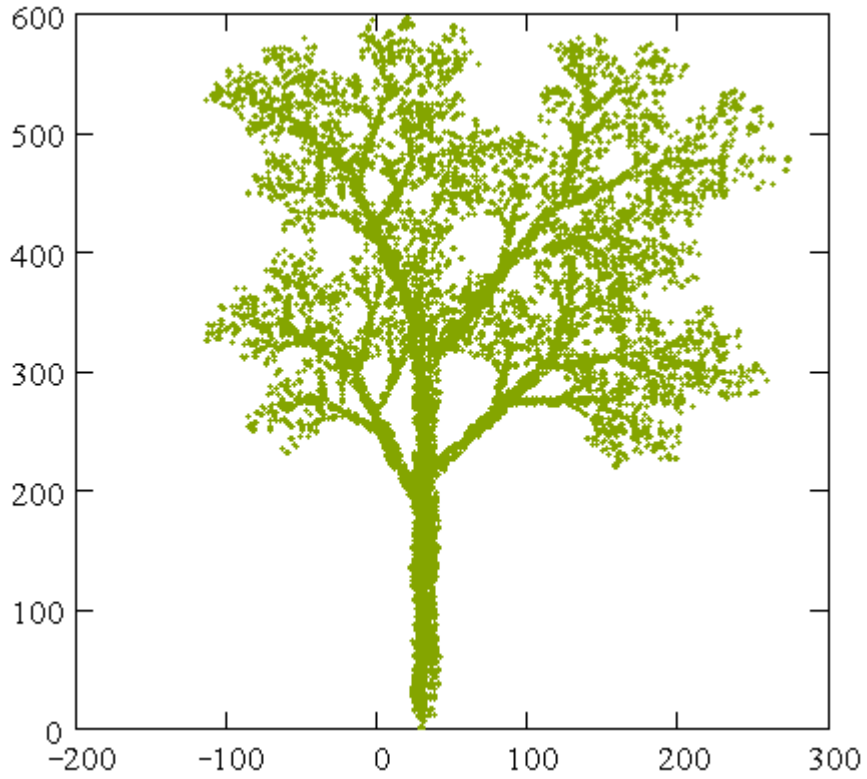
- Behavior of gas and liquids, diffusion, convection
- Crystallization
- Turbulence in fluids
- biological life (stem cells), ageing
- Forest fire propagation
- The flow of electricity in a power grid
- Urban development.
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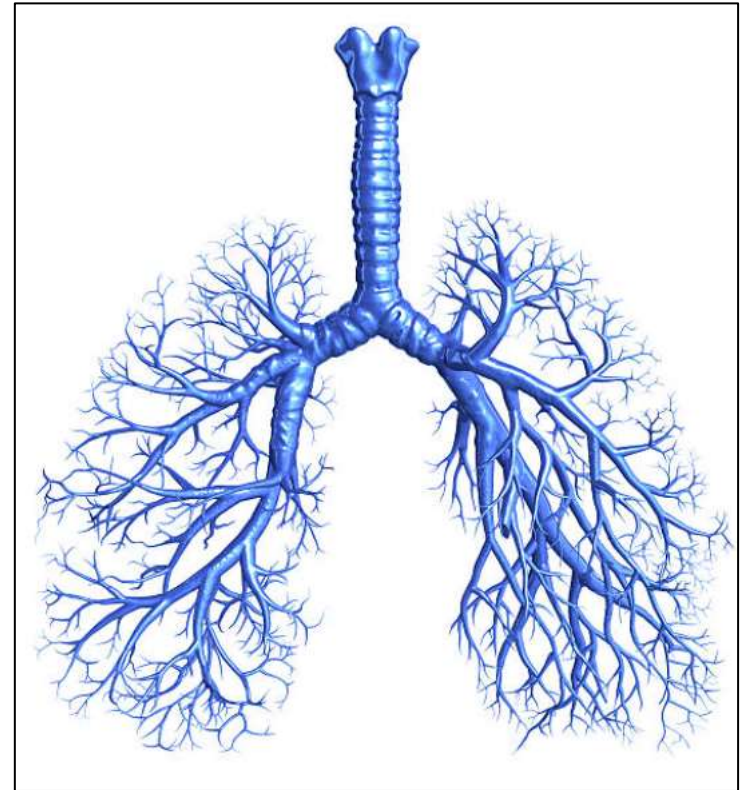
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Fractal Tree



Bronchial Tree



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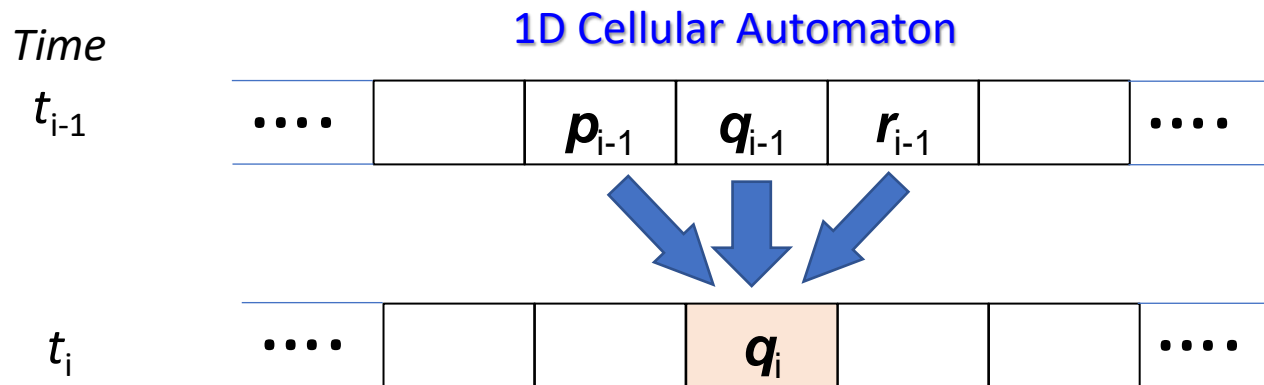
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# Simple Rules Govern Network Complexity

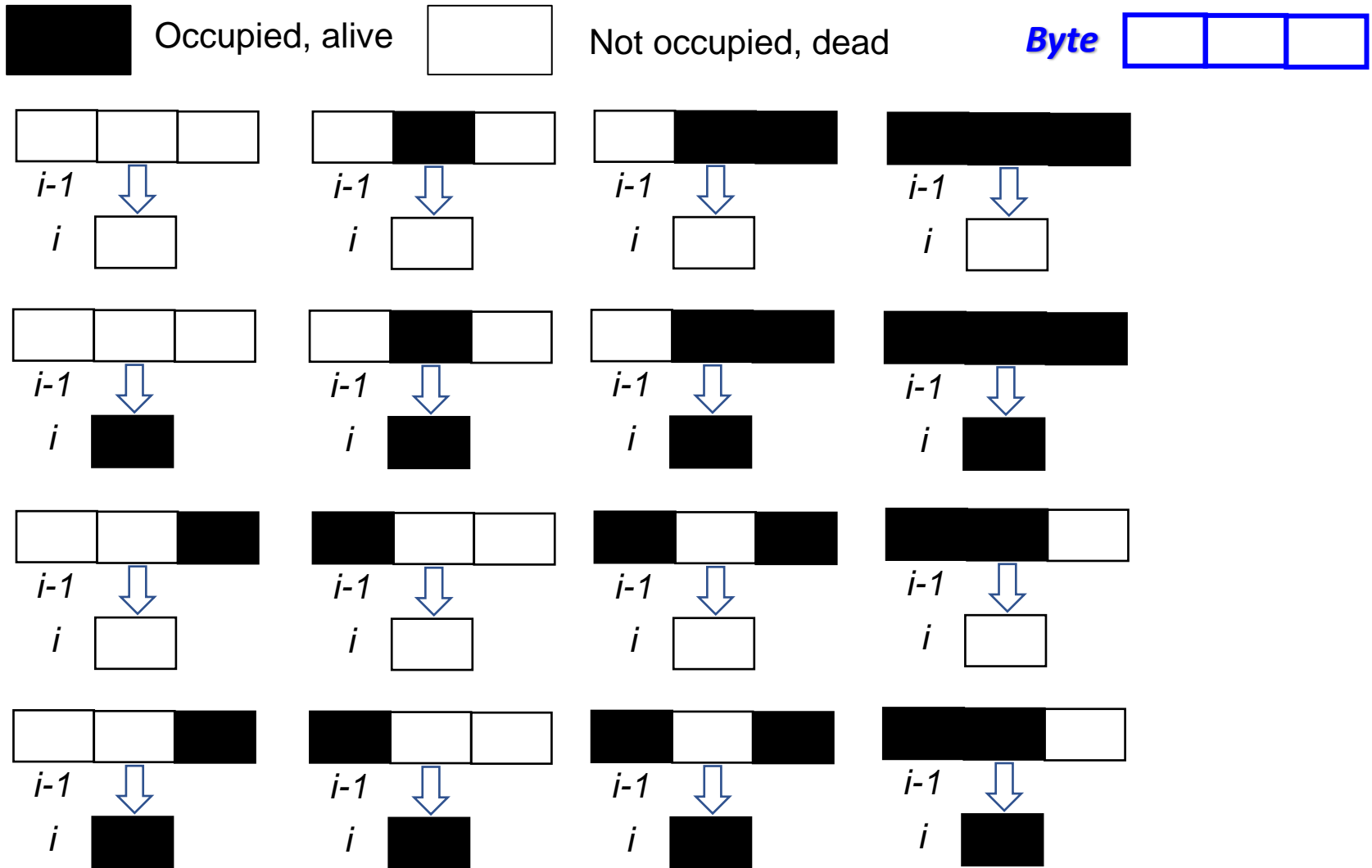
Migration pattern in NE USA

# CA Concept

- The configuration (state) space of a system is approximated by an n-dimensional lattice of equal cells.
- Each cell has a finite number of discrete properties.
- Time evolution of CA system occurs (can be modeled) in discrete time steps  $\rightarrow$  generations.
- Evolution occurs to (a set of) strict deterministic rules.
- Evolution rules reference exclusively states of neighboring cells, reflect local environment.



# Classification of Propagation Rules



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Occupied, alive



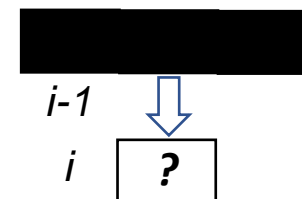
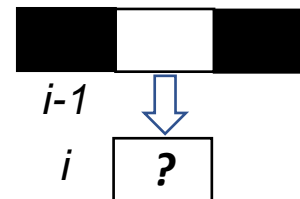
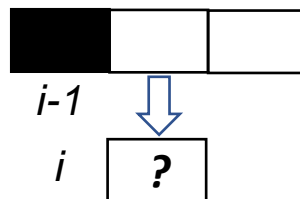
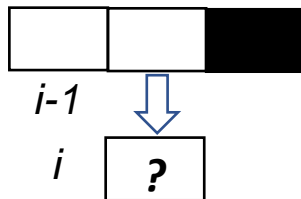
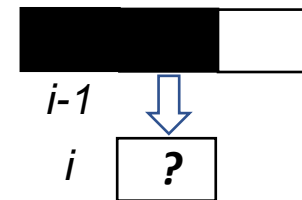
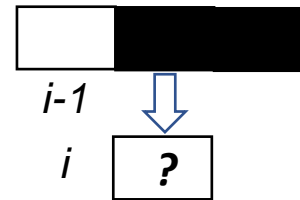
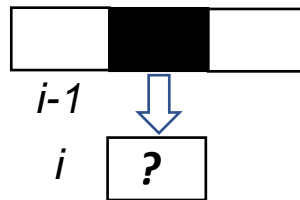
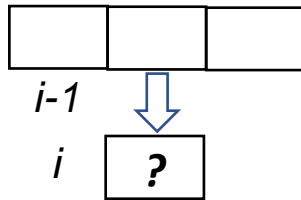
Not occupied, dead

Byte

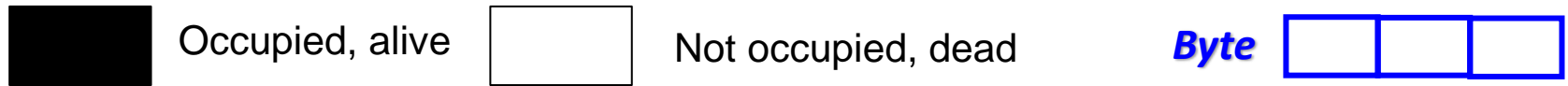


Consolidate:

Any of the patterns could result in the future middle cell to be *alive or dead*

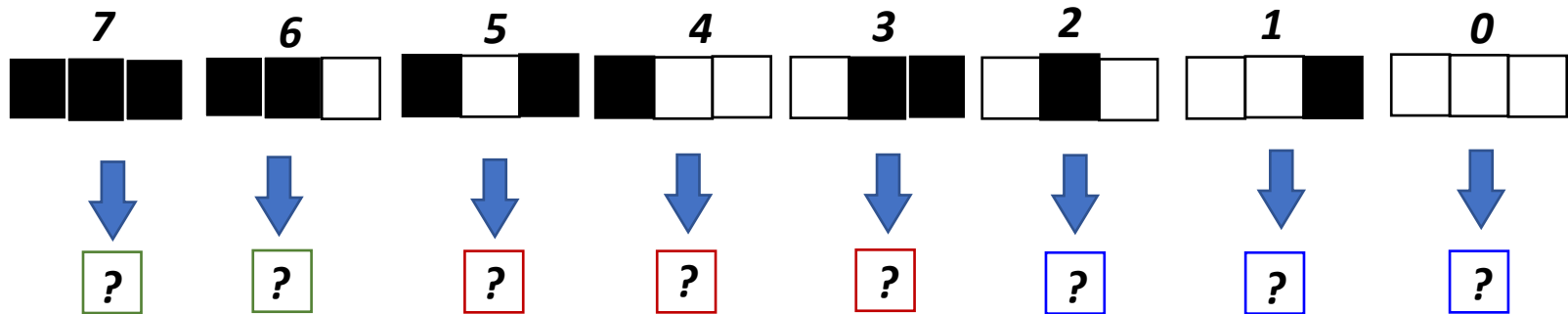


# Classification of Propagation Rules



Rearrange byte pattern in ascending order: bytes ordered in binary sequence

Condition of survival of a cell depends on the states of its own past and that of its two neighbors' past → depends on the past state of a triplet of 3 cells (=byte).

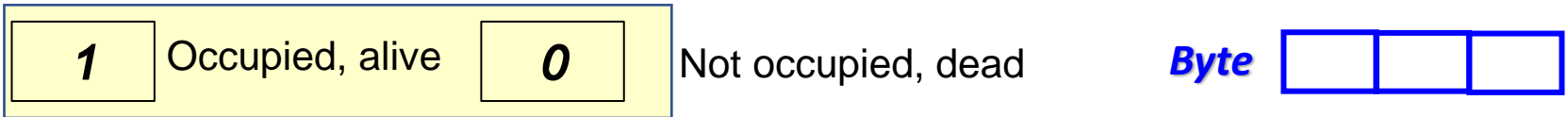


There are 8 possible occupation schemes (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) for a byte.

**Any one** of them, and **any logically valid combination**, could produce an alive (= **1**) cell or a dead (= **0**) cell.

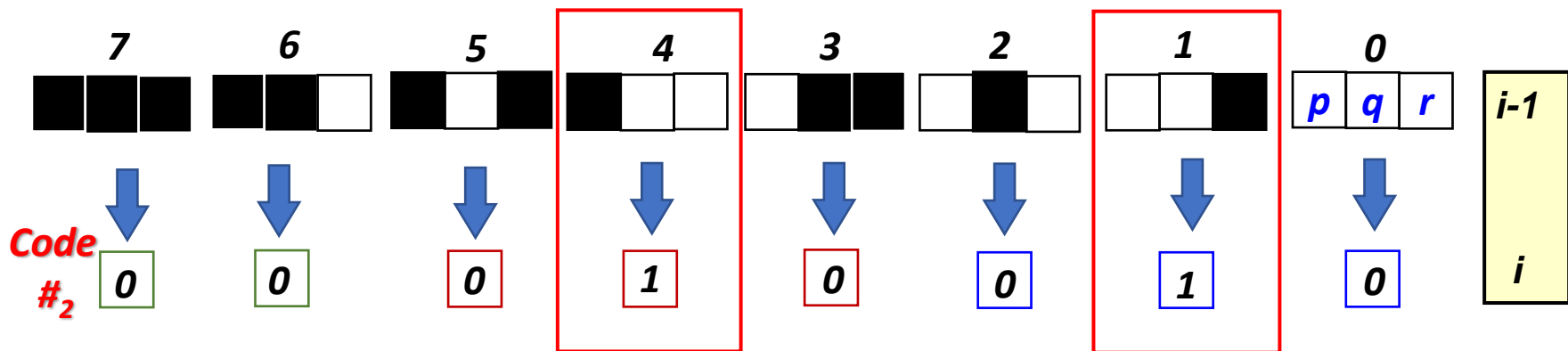
There are obviously 256 (0-255) possible constructions of combination rules (represented by the set of all numbers 0, ..., 255).

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Implies live for the cell in the next time step, if it the cell was **previously unoccupied and** had **only one alive neighbor** on the left or on one on the right, **but not on both sides.**

*Propagation pattern*

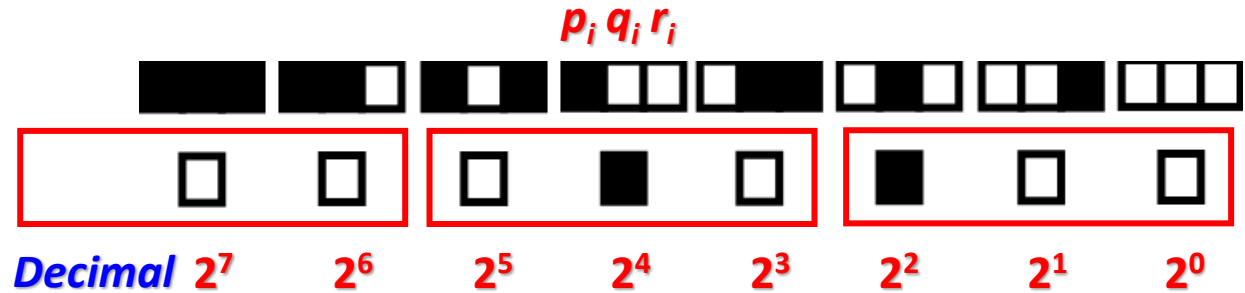
$$\text{Code \#}_{\text{binary}} = 10010_2 = (2^4 + 2^1) = 18_{10}$$

$$\rightarrow q_i = (p_{i-1} \oplus r_{i-1}) \wedge (\neg q_{i-1})$$



# Interpretation of Propagation Rules

CA code # =  $10100_2 = (2^4+2^2) = 20_{10}$



In the next time step,  
center cell ( $q_{i+1}$ ) is populated



if ( $p_i$ ) is  
occupied  
and ( $q_i$ ) is not  
and ( $r_i$ ) is not

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Formal logic

$$q_{i+1} = q_i \wedge \neg(p_i \vee r_i)$$

Truth Table ( $p \vee r$ )

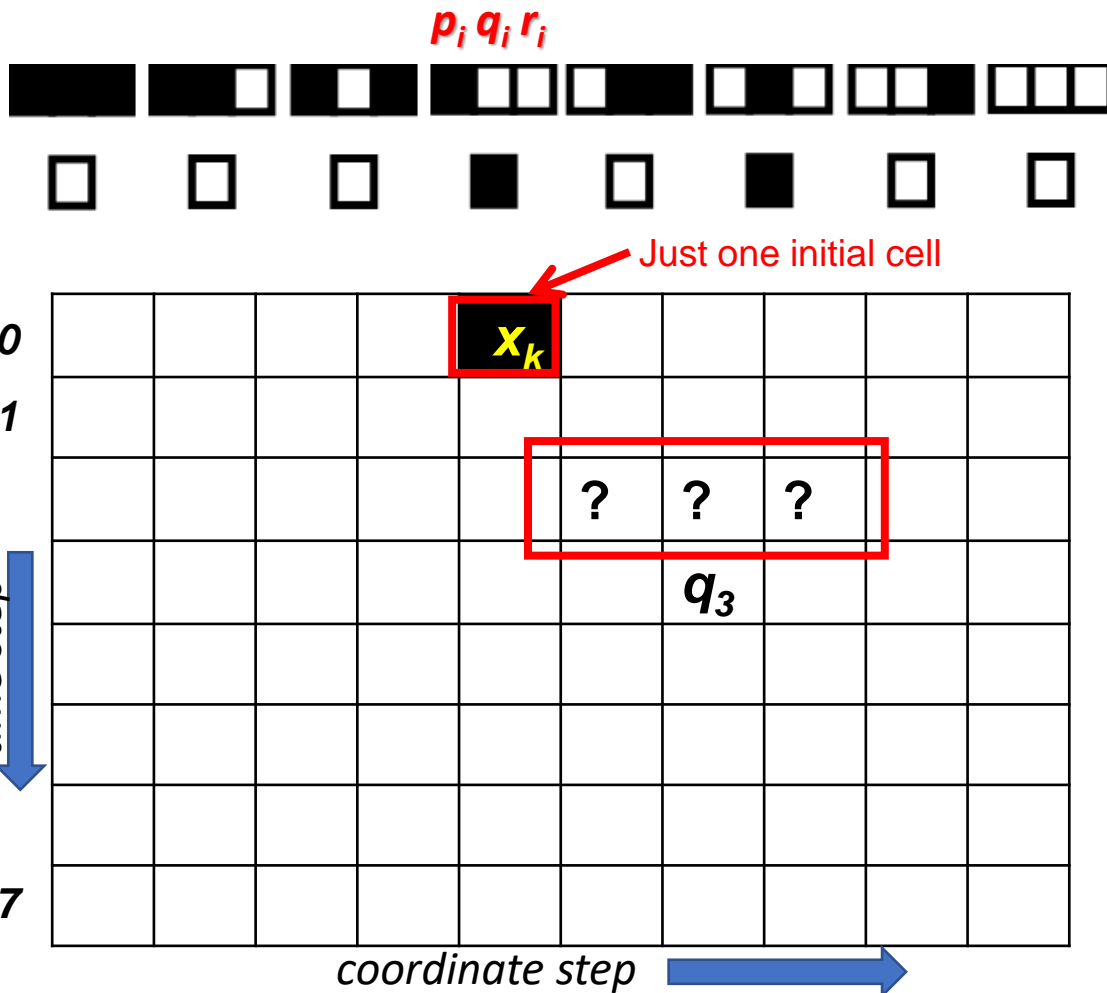
$p \backslash r$	T	F
T	T	T
F	T	F

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4. Next row  $i$ .....
5. For self-replication, keep history

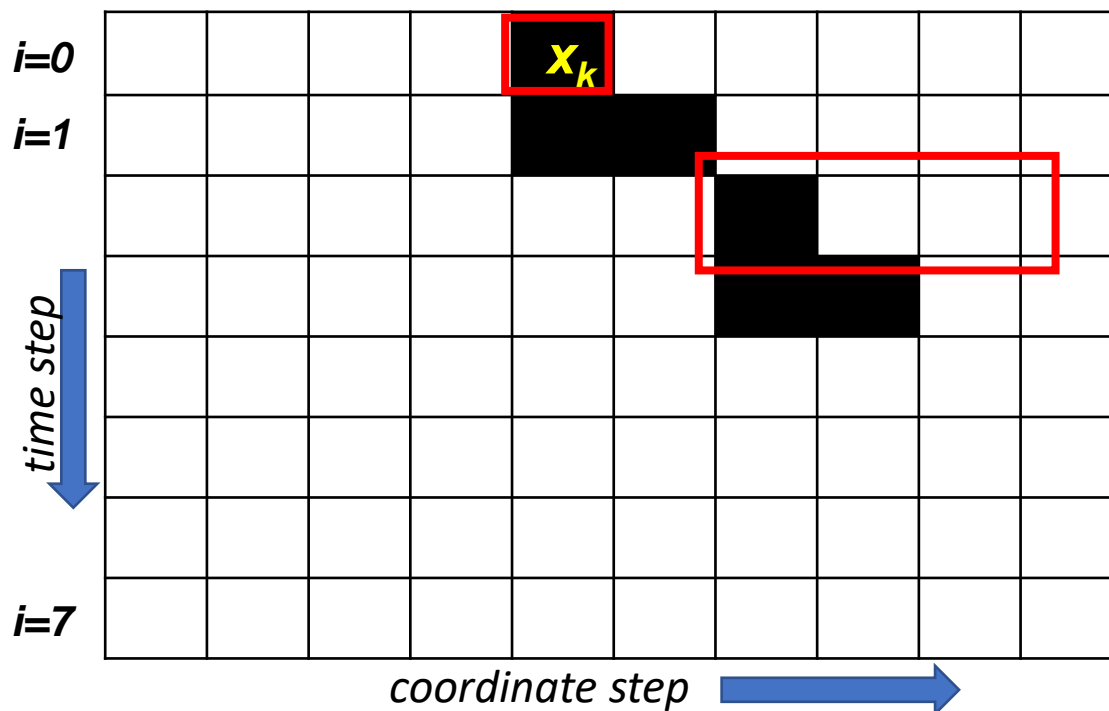
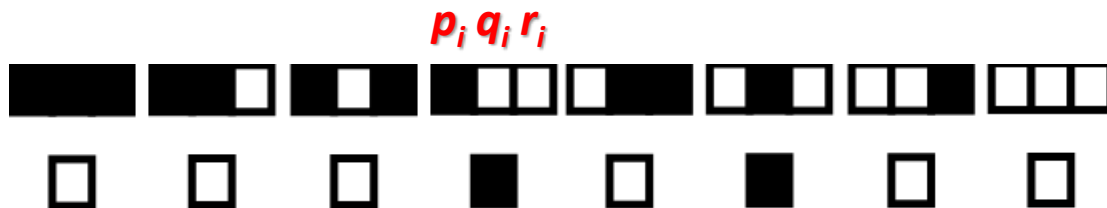


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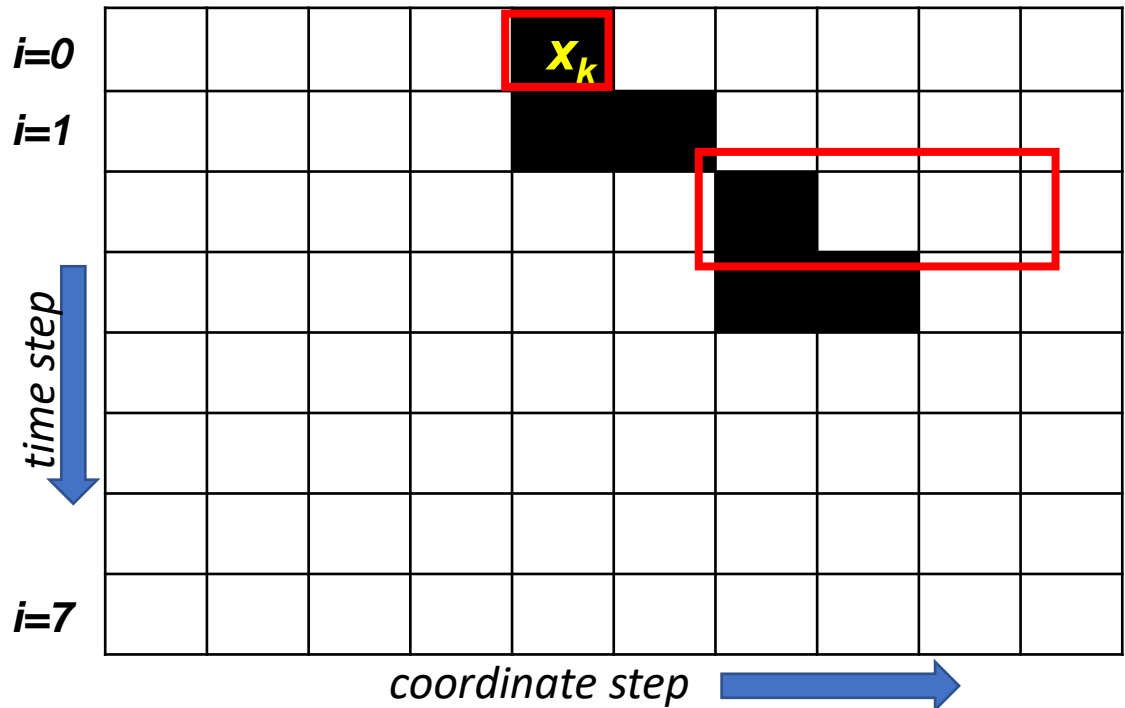


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# Coding CA#20

Data: Either single valued initial condition or random with different intensity chosen by width of acceptance window for r  
 Rule numbers according to Stephen Wolfram (A New Science , Wolfram Media, 2002

$N := 200$  Data: Array size in x (N) and number of it

$M := 200$

$i := 1..N$

$j := 1..M$

$A_{i,j} := 0$

Initial values

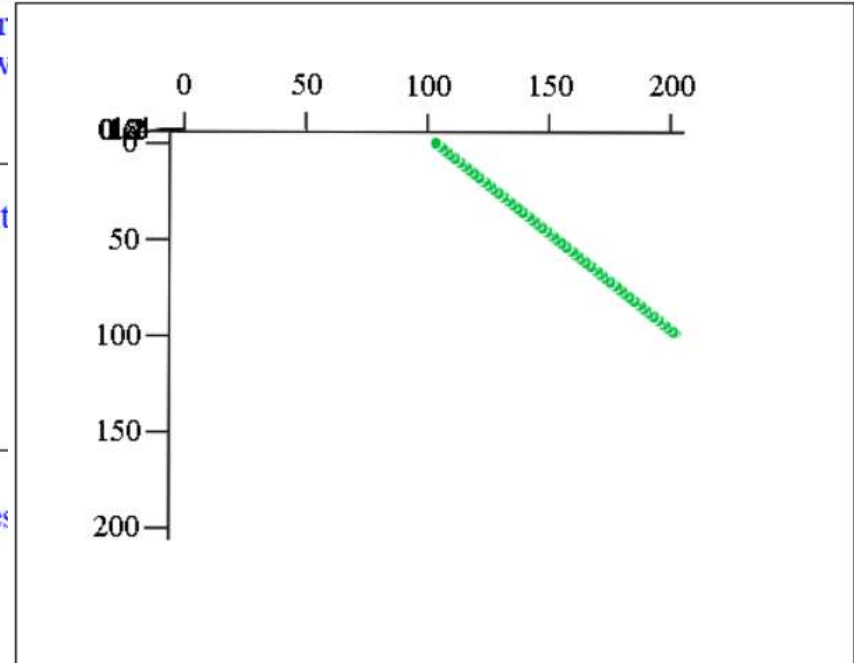
$A_{0,100} := 1$

$j := 1..M - 1$

Rule 20: (p Xor q) and not r

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Ai,j :=
  a ← 0
  p ← Ai-1,j-1
  q ← Ai-1,j
  r ← Ai-1,j+1
  a ← 1 if (p = 1 ⊕ q = 1) ∧ [¬(r = 1)]
    
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# Coding CA#30

$$A_{i,j} := 0$$

$$A_{0,100} := 1$$

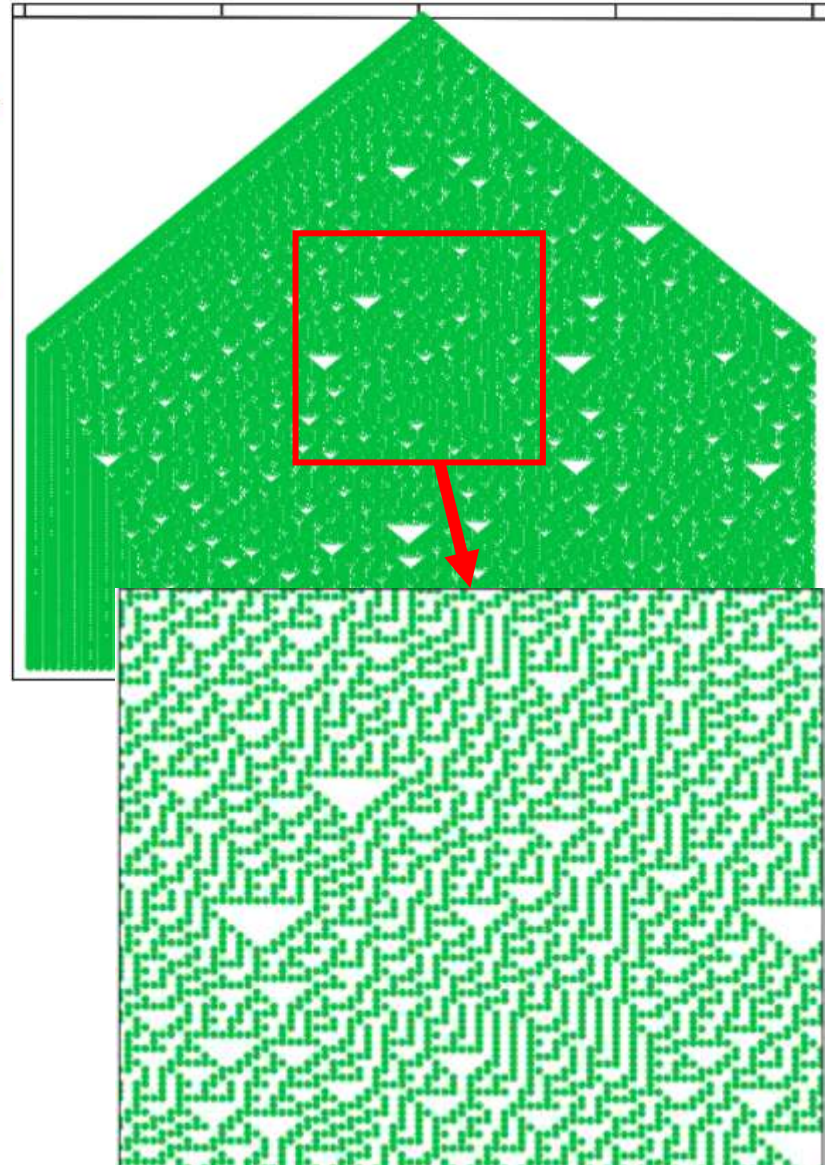
Initial values 1,0 +

$$j := 1..M - 1$$

Rule 30:  $p \text{ Xor } (q \text{ or } r)$   
random

$$A_{i,j} := \begin{cases} a \leftarrow 0 \\ p \leftarrow A_{i-1,j-1} \\ q \leftarrow A_{i-1,j} \\ r \leftarrow A_{i-1,j+1} \\ a \leftarrow 1 \text{ if } p = 1 \oplus (q = 1 \vee r = 1) \\ a \end{cases}$$

**CA #30**, with one more condition.  
More complex pattern. Repetitive fine structure is observed at the rim of the triangle and upon blowup.



# Coding CA#90 Specific IC

$$A_{i,j} := 0$$

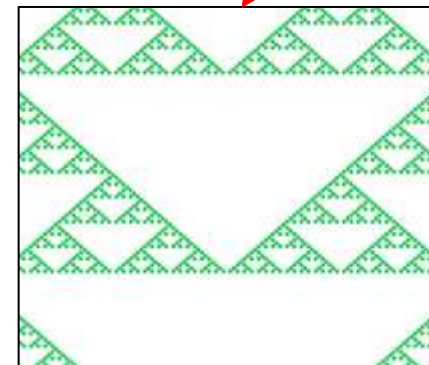
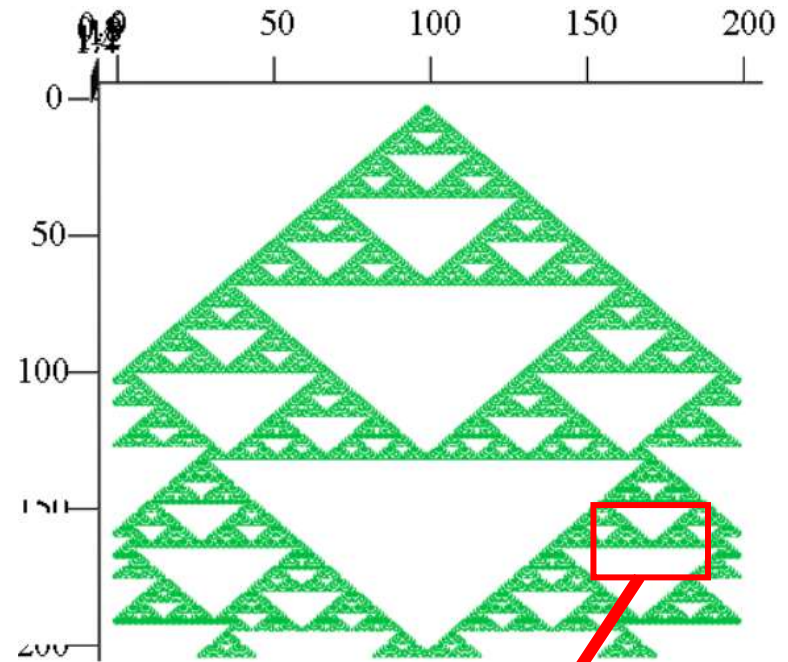
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Rule 90: p Xor r  
fractal structure



**CA #90**, expected to show similar randomness as automaton #30. However, there is a highly repetitive pattern of nested triangles. Blow-up: persists at several length scales (fractal).

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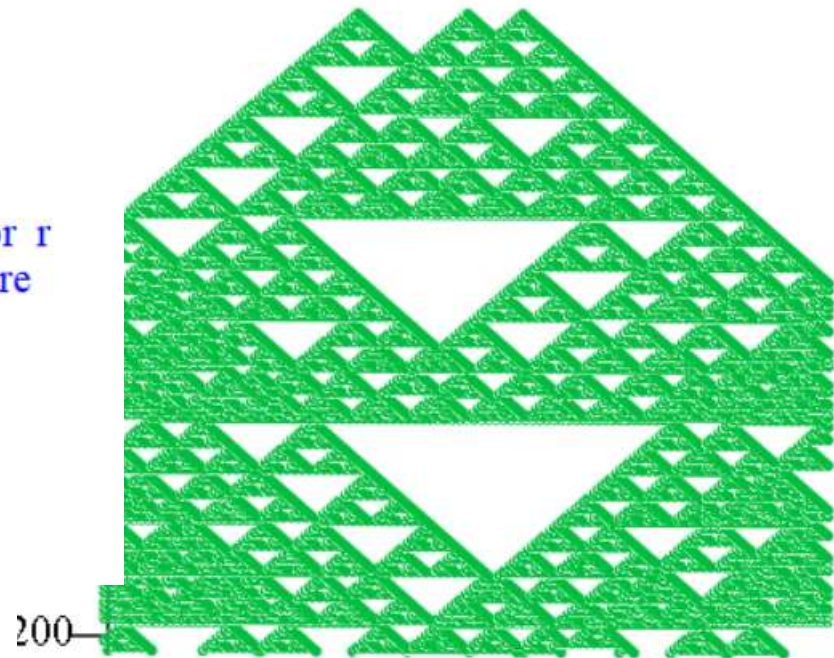
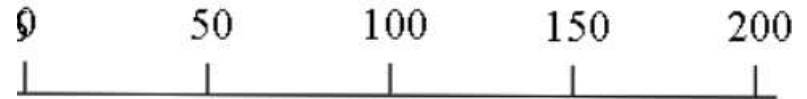
$A_{0,70} := 1 \quad A_{0,110} := 1$

$j := 1..M - 1$

$A_{i,j} :=$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \leftarrow 0 \\ p \leftarrow A_{i-1,j-1} \\ q \leftarrow A_{i-1,j} \\ r \leftarrow A_{i-1,j+1} \\ a \leftarrow 1 \text{ if } (p = 1) \oplus (r = 1) \\ a \end{array} \right.$  Rule 90: p Xor r  
fractal structure

Initial values 1,0

Rule 90: p Xor r  
fractal structure



**CA #90**, with 3 initial cells populated.  
Fractal structure is modified but persists.



# Coding CA#90 Random IC

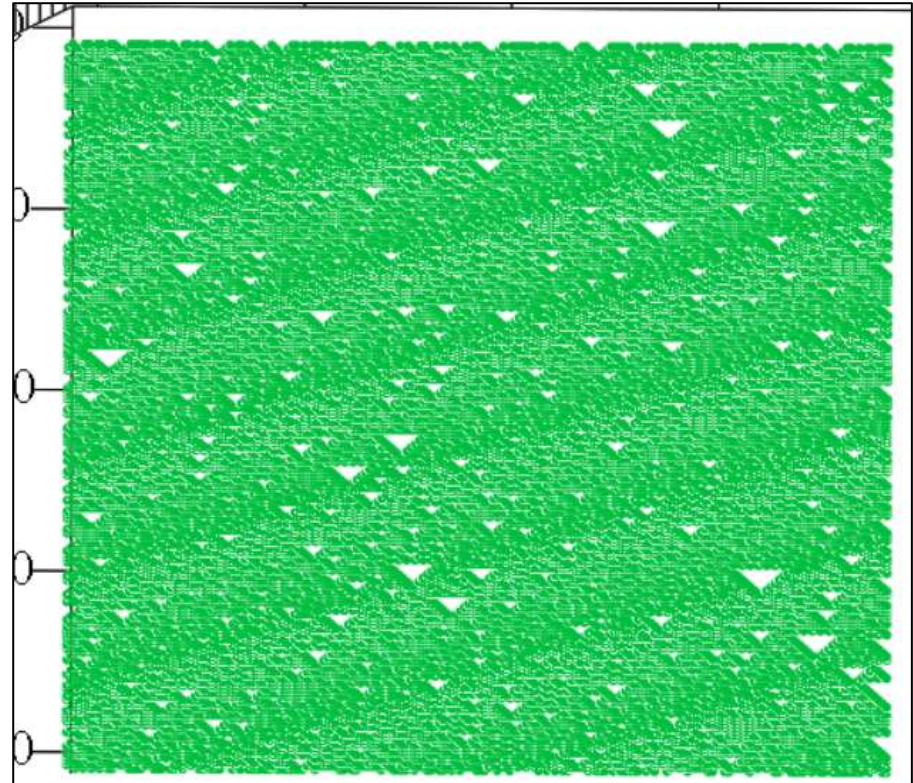
$$A_{0,j} := \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Random initial values 1,0} \\ 1 & \text{if } \text{rnd}(1) > 0.5 \end{cases}$$

$$j := 1..M - 1$$

$$A_{i,j} := \begin{cases} a \leftarrow 0 \\ p \leftarrow A_{i-1,j-1} & \text{Rule 90: } p \text{ Xor } r \\ & \text{fractal structure} \\ q \leftarrow A_{i-1,j} \\ r \leftarrow A_{i-1,j+1} \\ a \leftarrow 1 \text{ if } (p = 1) \oplus (r = 1) \\ a \end{cases}$$

**CA #90**, with random population of 50% of initial cells.

Specific fractal structure is washed out, additional pattern appears on larger length scale.



Approximates Random chaos

# Summary

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**CA research:** 4 classes of automata,

- Class 1 reaches a homogeneous state (all cells free) after a few initial steps.
- Class 2 shows a periodic pattern after the first few steps, relatively independent of initial conditions.
- Class 3 develops into a chaotic pattern, independent of initial conditions.
- Class 4 produces a highly complex, nested fractal pattern.

Very specific, simple, localized microscopic interactions of coupled systems can lead to highly organized structure.

Pronounced fractal structure emerges from localized initial conditions (seeds).

Spread-out initial state conditions lead to washed out structures or chaos.

Because of their specific (unusual) geometrical shape (surface/volume), Class-4

CAs have functionality important for live, biomed and general technology.

Fractal dimensions

