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Discrete **particles** and
collisions systems in
cellular automata



CA



1 particles? collisions?



Cellular automata

- In this talk CA will be of dimension 1, first neighbors, a few states, using the following notations:

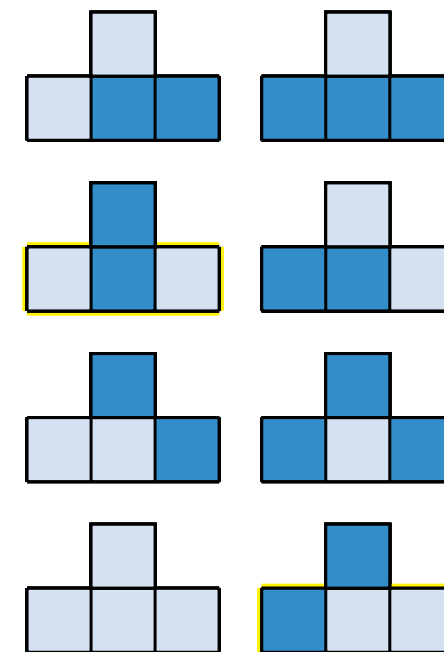
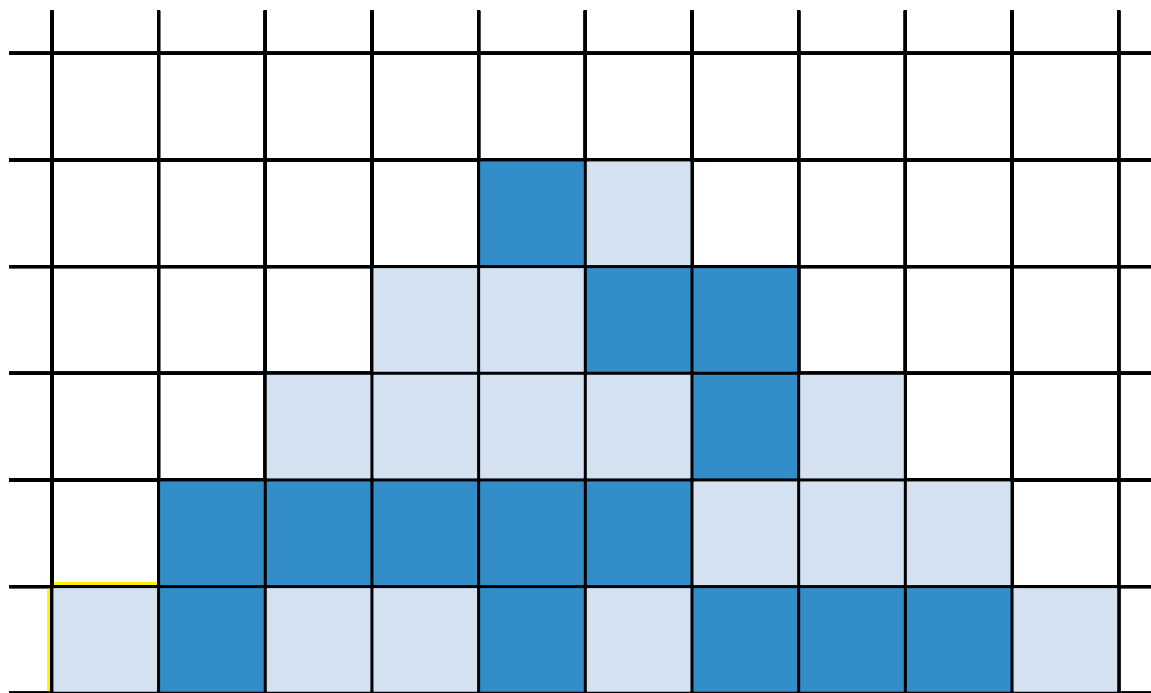
$$\mathcal{A} = (S, f) \quad S = \{\blacksquare, \square, \blacksquare\} \quad f : S^3 \rightarrow S$$

$$C \in S^{\mathbb{Z}} \quad G(C)_i = f(C_{i-1}, C_i, C_{i+1})$$

- Ideally, we would like to use *fully* 2D space-time diagram, *i.e.* limit set configurations:

$$\Delta \in S^{\mathbb{Z}^2} \quad \Delta_{t+1} = G(\Delta)_t \quad \Omega = \bigcap_{k \in \mathbb{N}} G^k(S^{\mathbb{Z}})$$

Space-time diagram



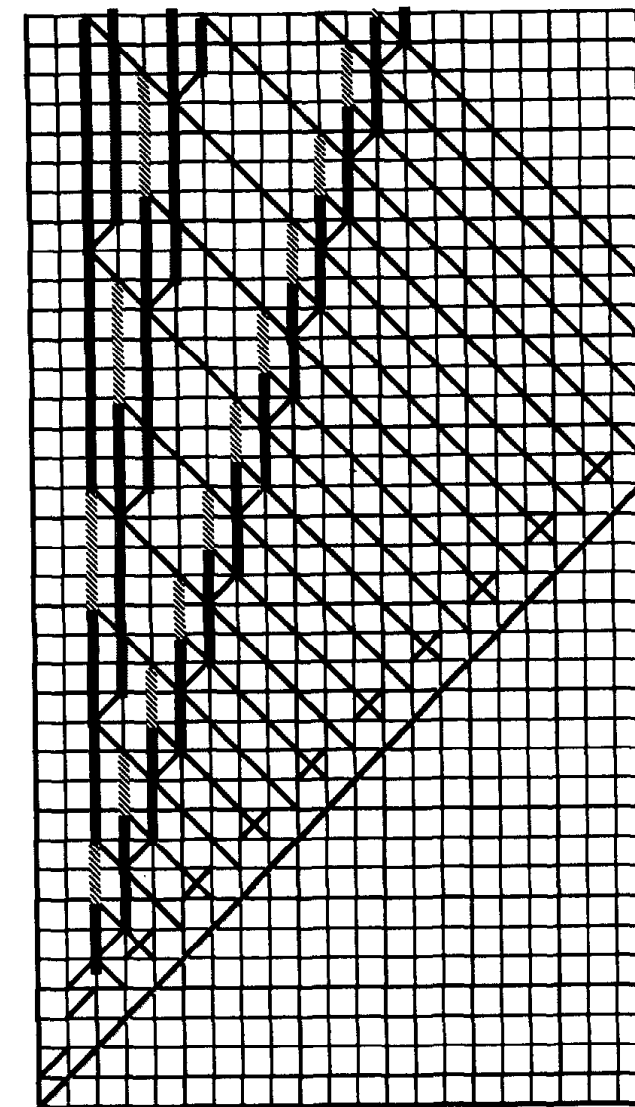
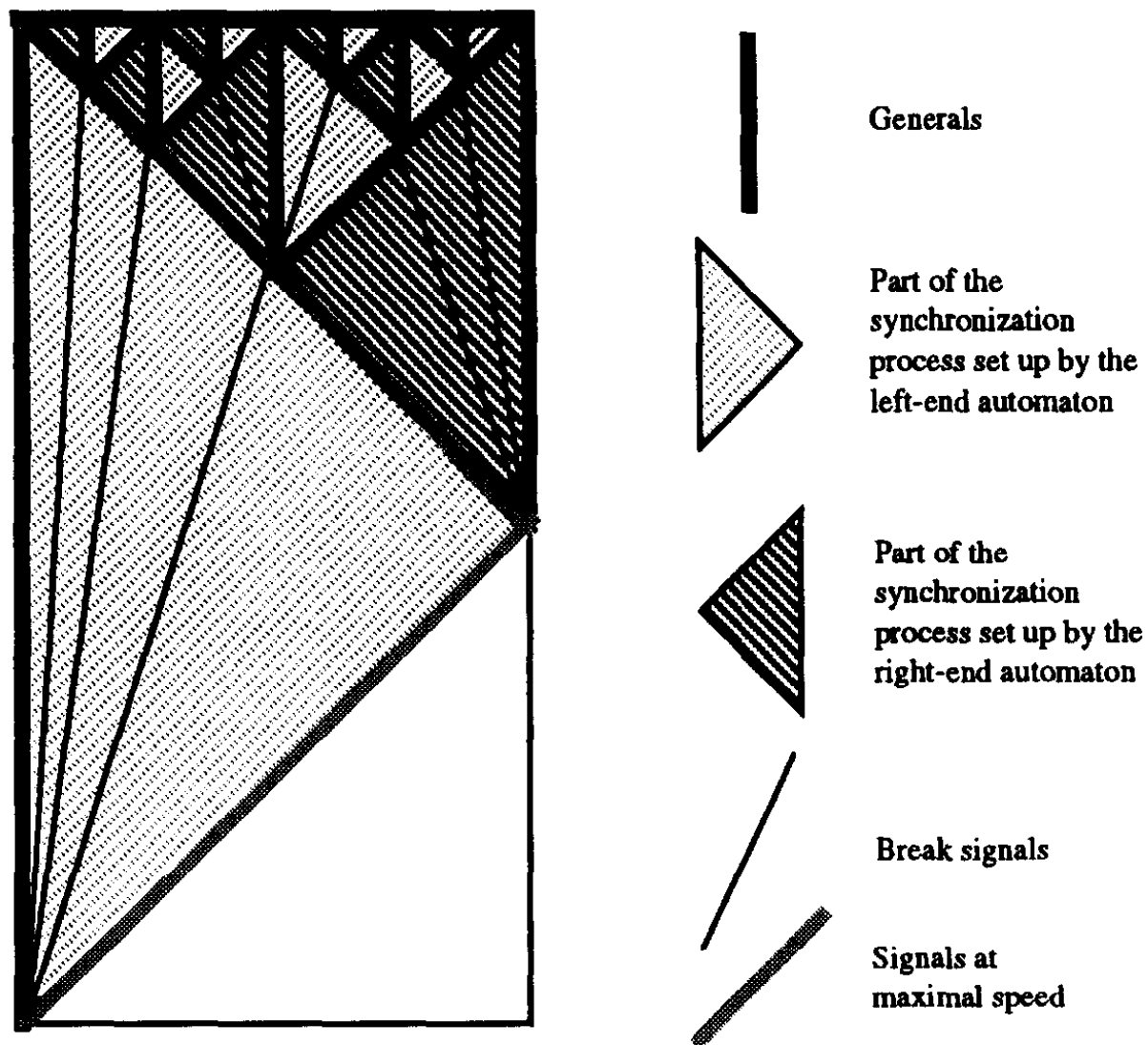
Point of view

- In this talk we take the point of view of algorithmic constructions on CA:
- We discuss efficient (read few states) directed information propagation in space-time diagrams.

Undecidability everywhere

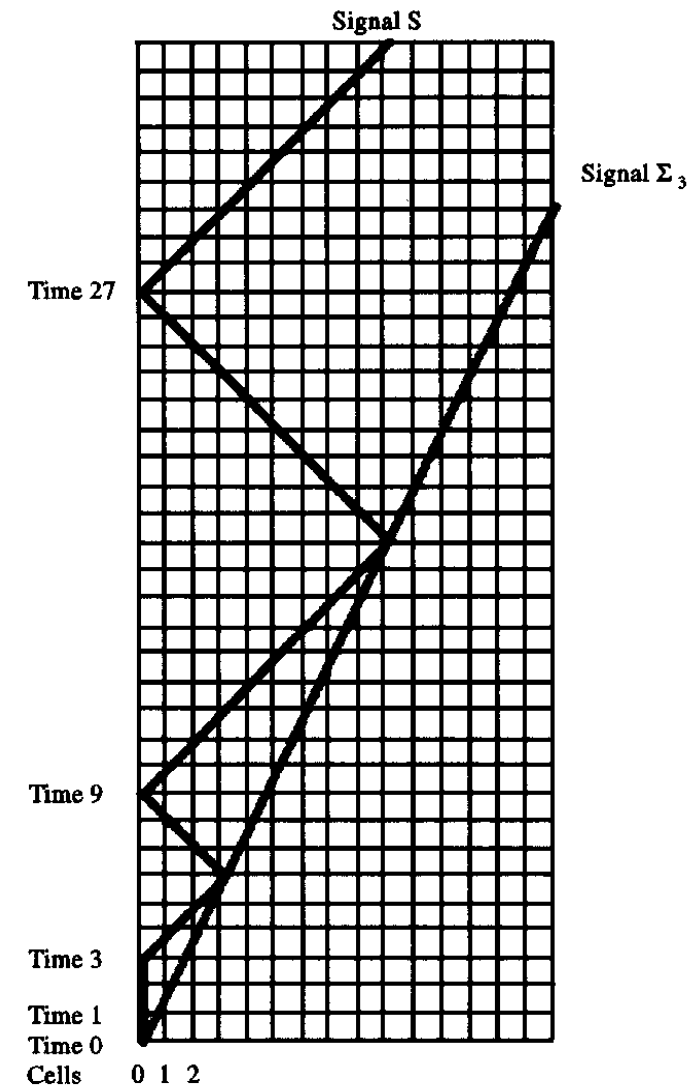
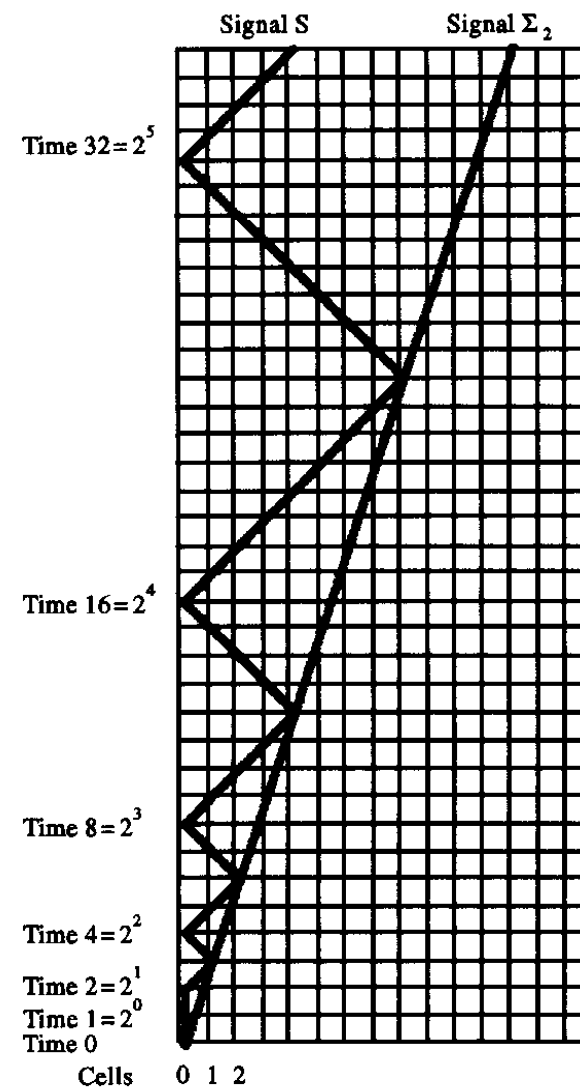
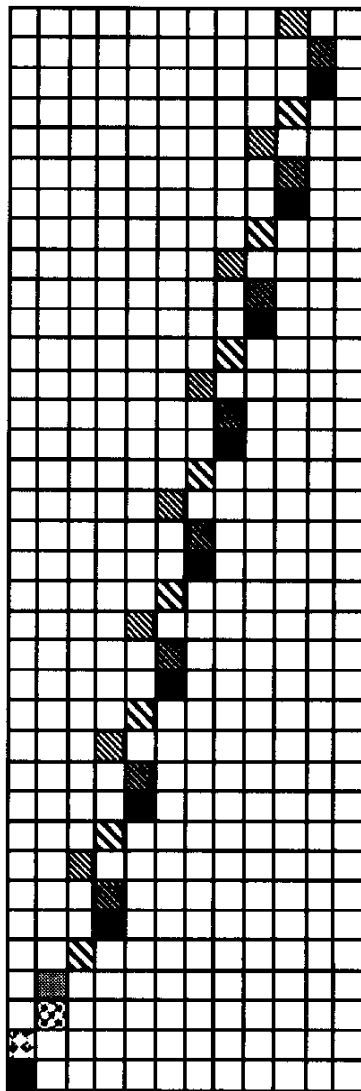
- In practice, *almost all* properties of CA are undecidable in the general case:
- From being nilpotent to the membership of a word to the limit set of a given CA.
- More theorems than algorithms!

FSSP constructions



Pictures from Mazoyer 1996

Signals à la Fischer



Pictures from Mazoyer & Terrier 1999

Universalities

- B. Durand and Z. Róka, *The game of life: universality revisited*, Cellular automata (Saissac, 1996) (Kluwer Acad. Publ., Dordrecht, 1999), (pp. 51 74).
- Different notions of universality:
 - T-universality = **simulate** *Turing machines*
 - I-universality = **simulate** *any other CA*

Order on CA

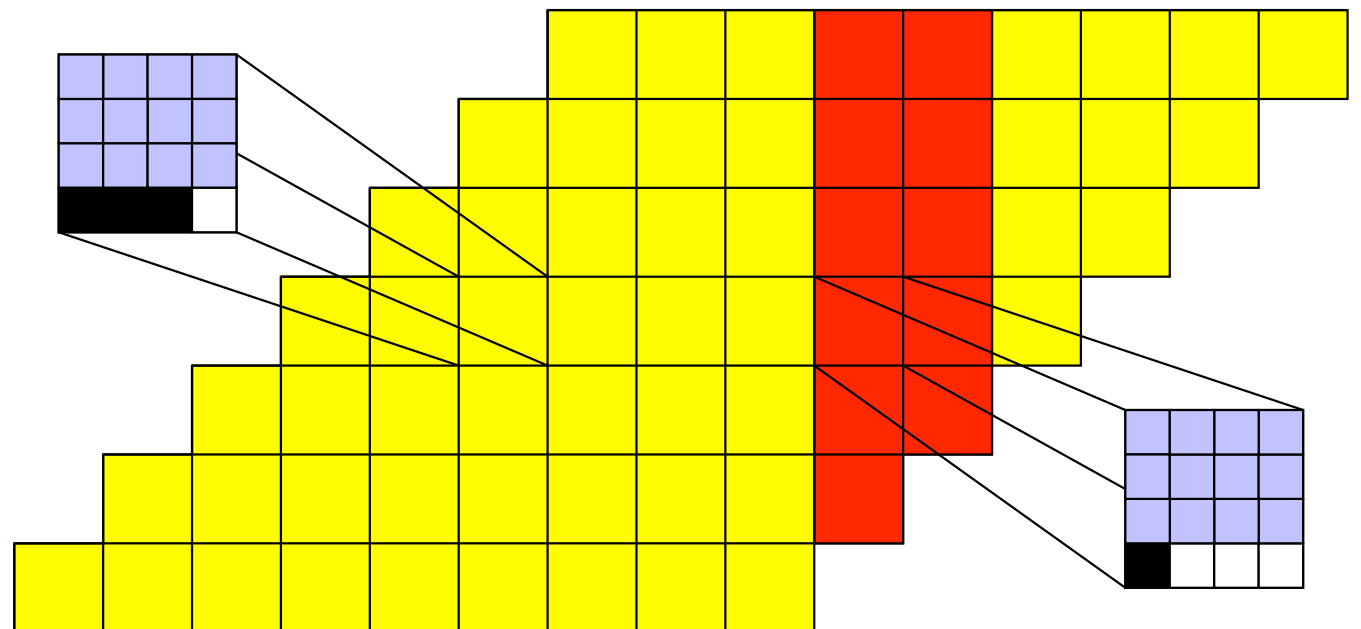
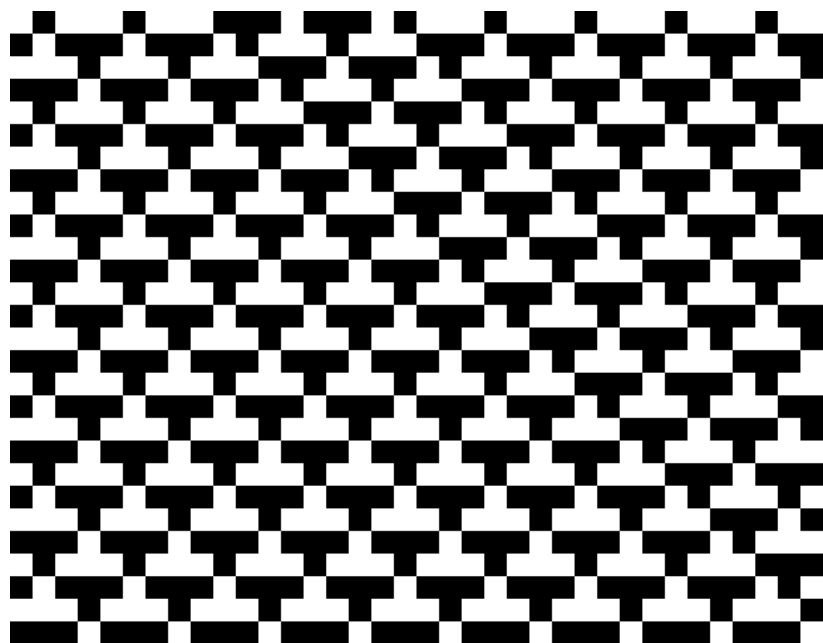
Idea. A CA \mathcal{A} is **less complex** than a CA \mathcal{B} if, up to some renaming of states and some rescaling, every space-time diagram of \mathcal{A} is a space-time diagram of \mathcal{B} .

$\mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{B}$ if there exists an injective mapping φ from $S_{\mathcal{A}}$ into $S_{\mathcal{B}}$ such that this diagram commutes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathcal{C} & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \overline{\varphi}(\mathcal{C}) \\ \downarrow G_{\mathcal{A}} & & \downarrow G_{\mathcal{B}} \\ G_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C}) & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & \overline{\varphi}(G_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathcal{C})) \end{array}$$

Rescaling

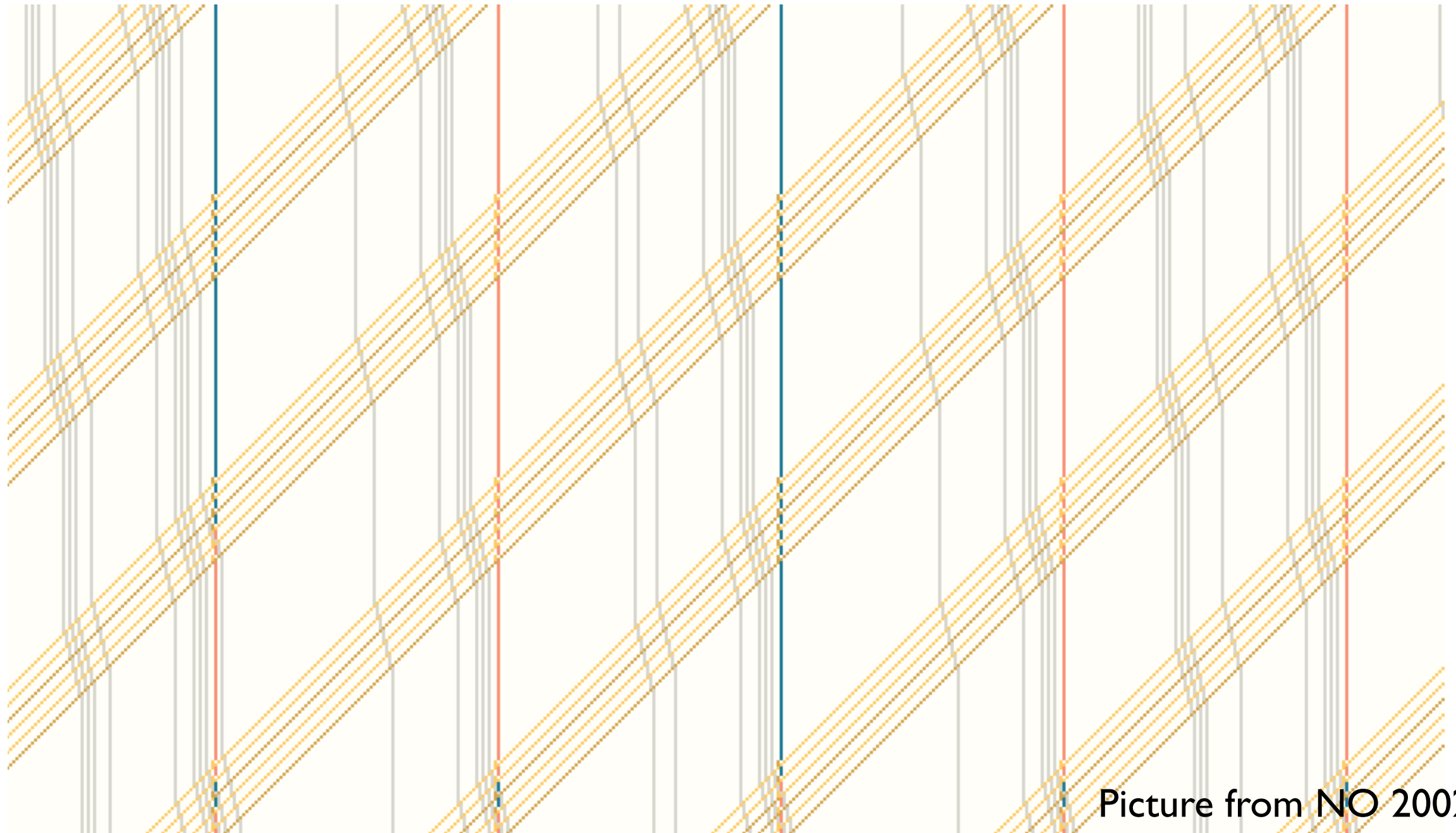
$$G_{\mathcal{A}}^{\langle m, n, k \rangle} = \sigma^k \circ \mathbf{o}^m \circ G_{\mathcal{A}}^n \circ \mathbf{o}^{-m}$$



$\mathcal{A} \leq \mathcal{B}$ if there exist $\langle m, n, k \rangle$ and $\langle m', n', k' \rangle$ such that

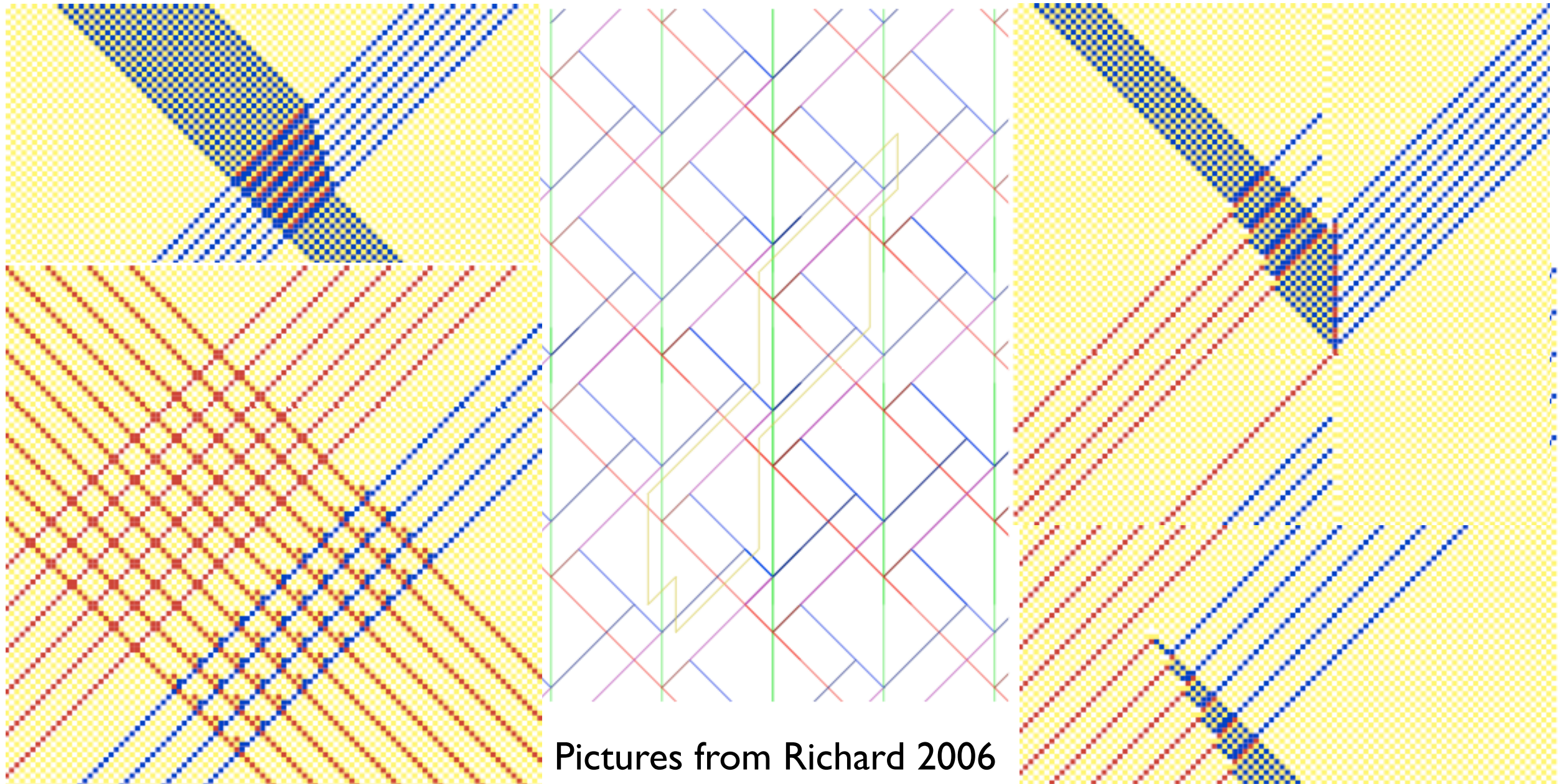
$$\mathcal{A}^{\langle m, n, k \rangle} \subseteq \mathcal{B}^{\langle m', n', k' \rangle}.$$

Signals and universality: 6st



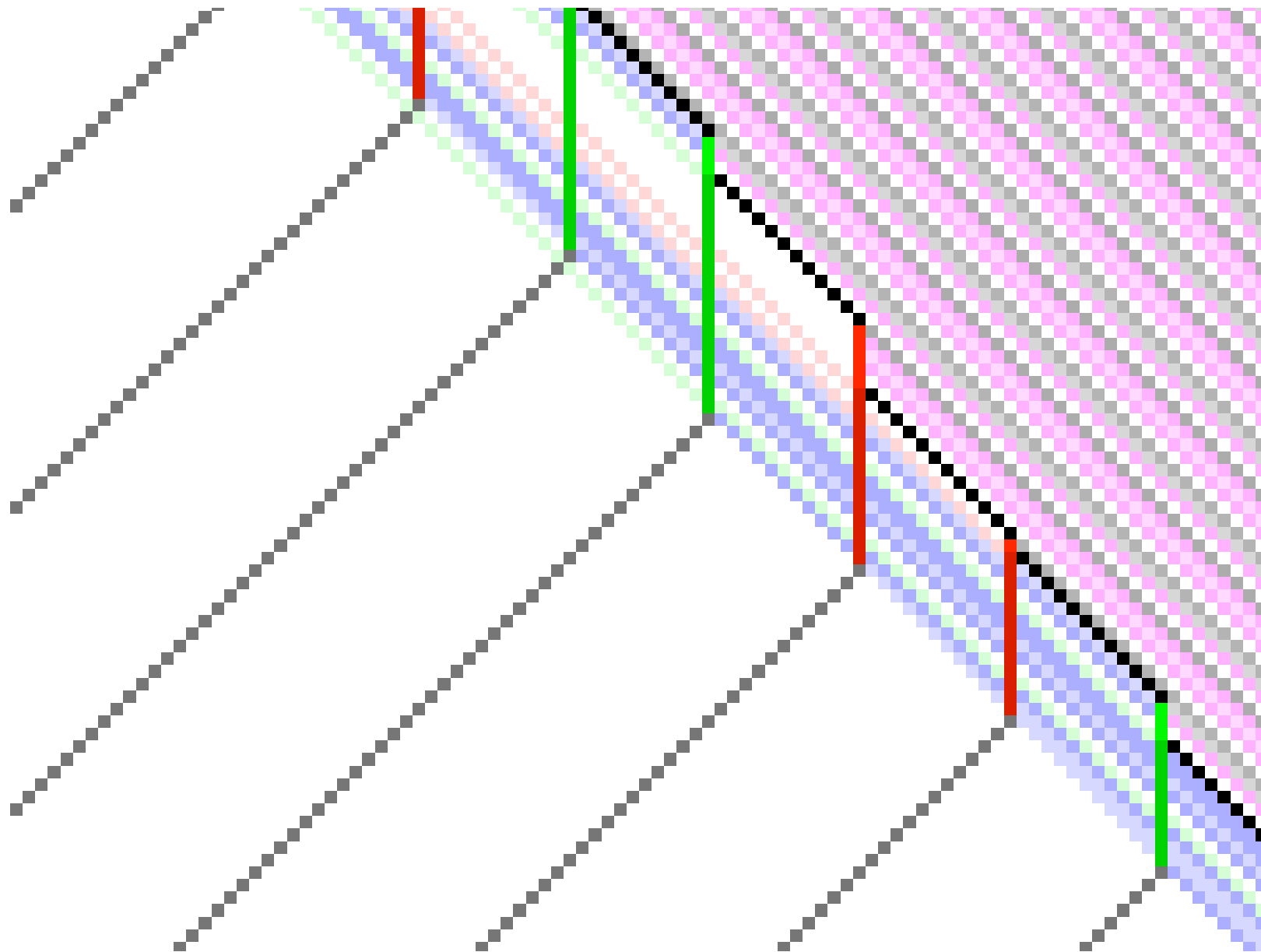
Picture from NO 2002

Signals and universality: 4st



Pictures from Richard 2006

Signals and universality: 110



a 16 state
universal CA
simulating Post
cyclic Tag
Systems.



Cook. *110* is *T*-universal
Simulation of Post cyclic TS.

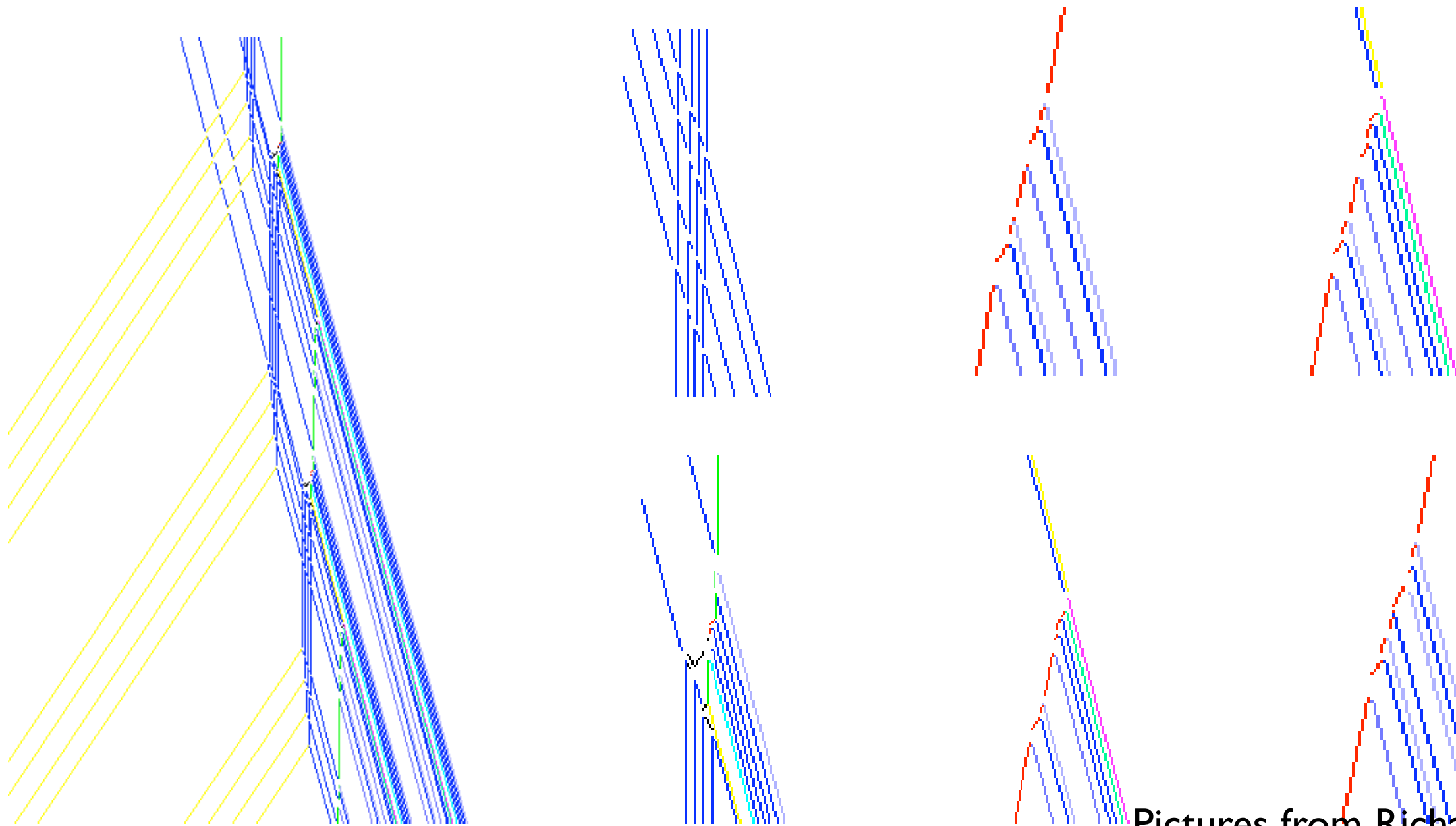
Woods. *110* is *P*-complete

l-universality is still open!

discrete
signals encoded
using rule 110

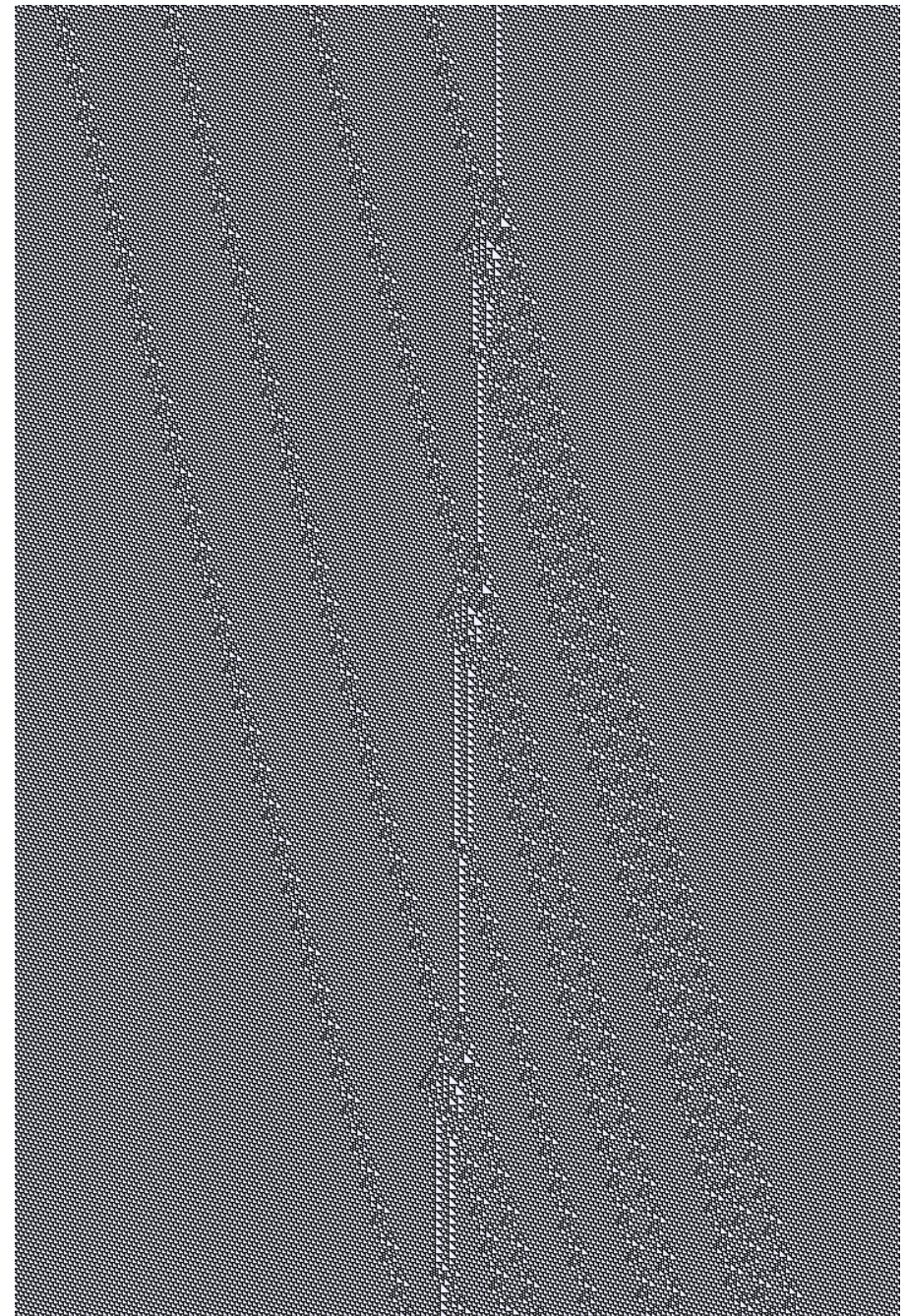
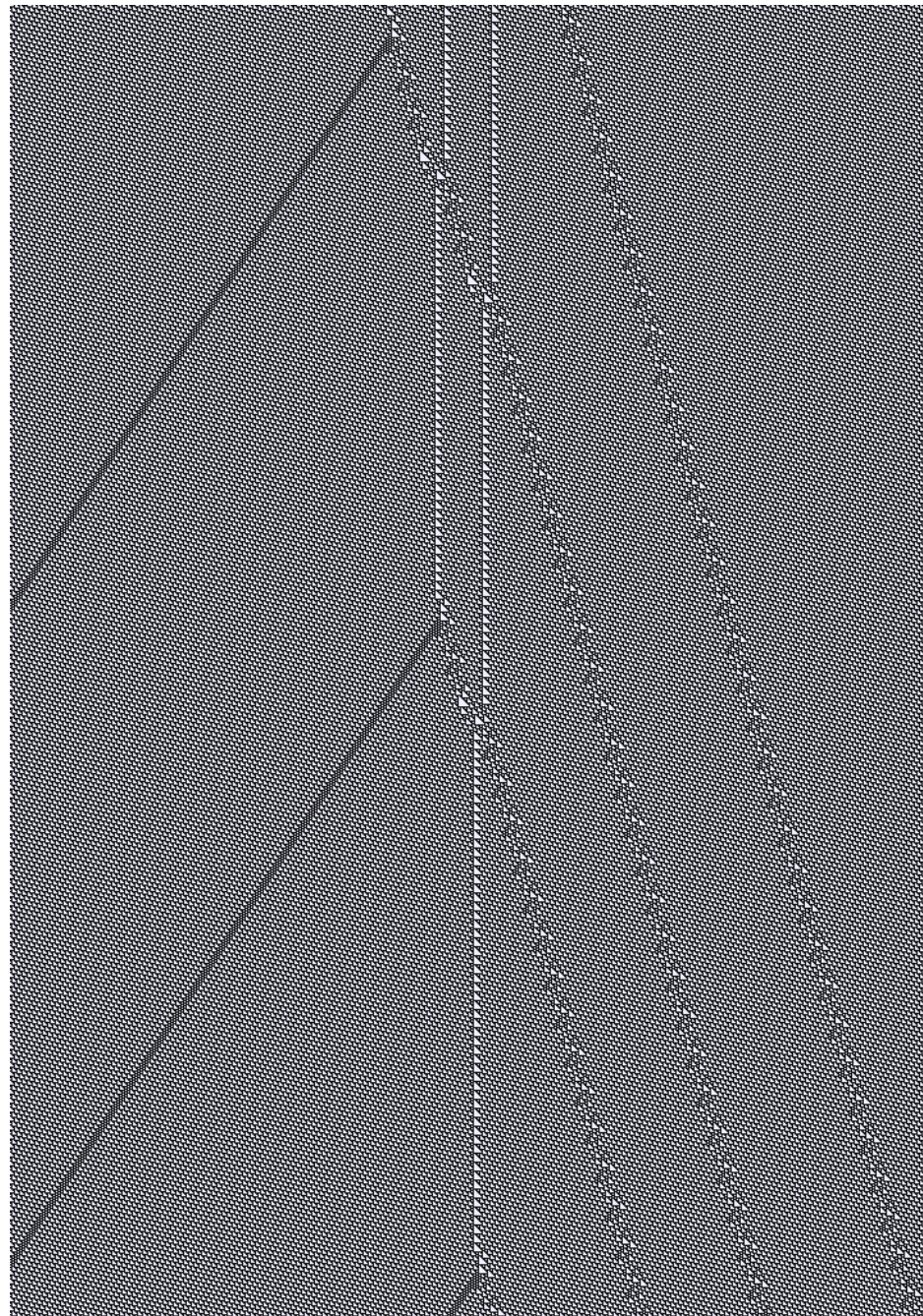
synchronization
of signals meeting
points

Encoding into rule 110



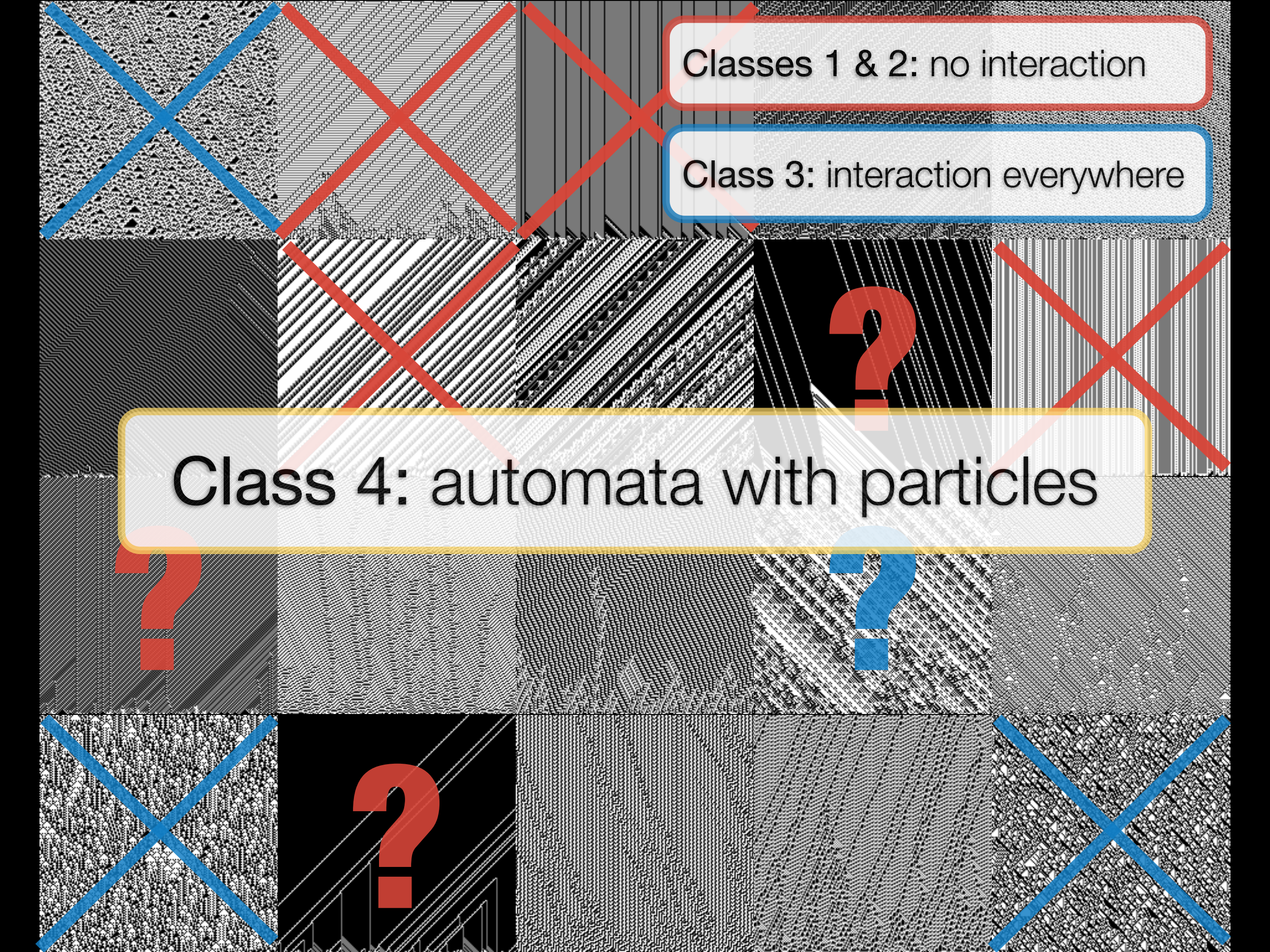
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Signals encoding in rule 110



How common are signals?

- Below 4 states, it is difficult to **construct** rules.
- The rule space is huge:
$$n^{n^3} \quad (1, 256, 7\,625\,597\,484\,987, \dots)$$
- How to find a rule with nice signals?



Classes 1 & 2: no interaction

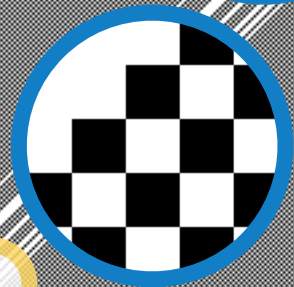
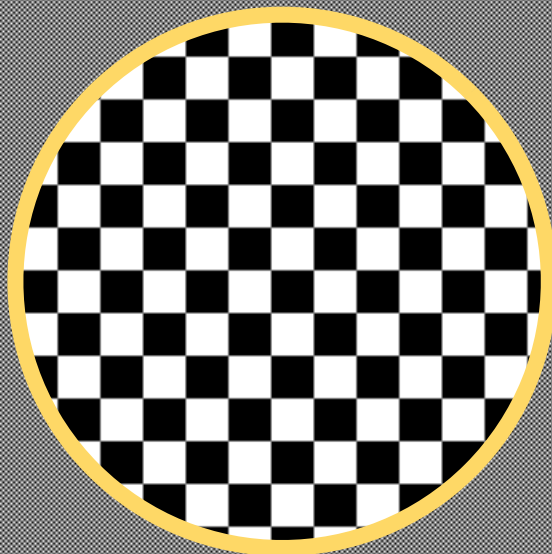
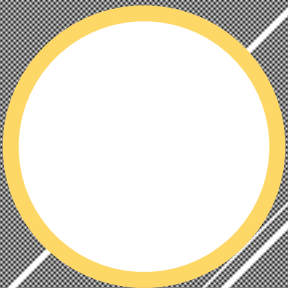
Class 3: interaction everywhere

Class 4: automata with particles

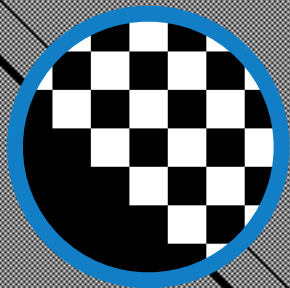
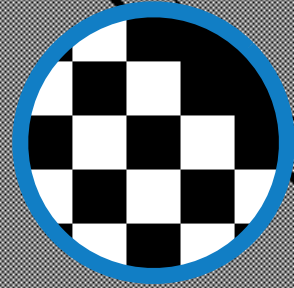
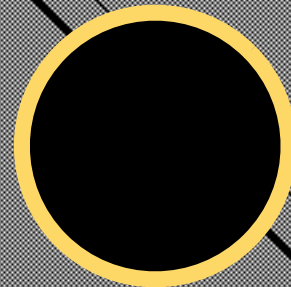
Automata with particles

« And finally [...] class 4 involves a mixture of order and randomness: localized structures are produced which on their own are fairly simple, but these structures move around and interact with each other in very complicated ways. [...] »

S. Wolfram, ANKOS



rule 184. *traffic jam*
2 states



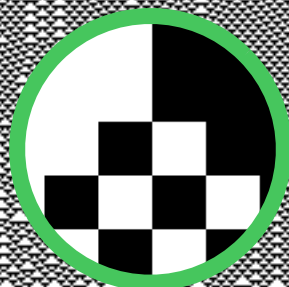
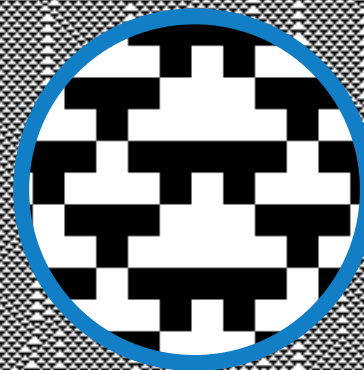
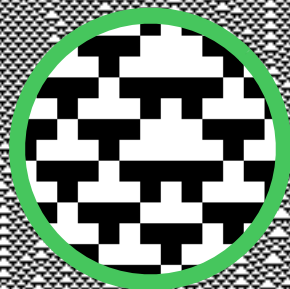
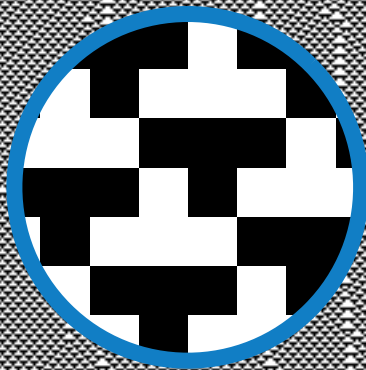
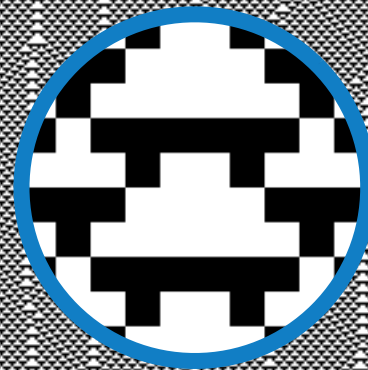
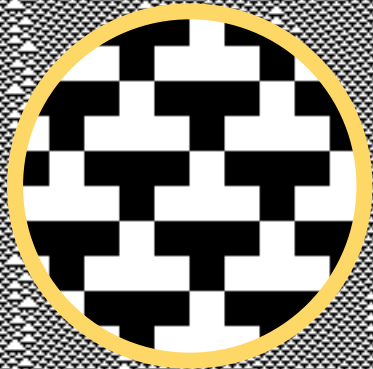
Background: biperiodic area

Particle: interface between 2 backgrounds

Collision: interface between particles



rule 54. 2 states
studied, well know?



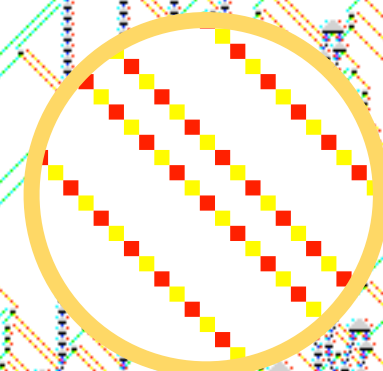
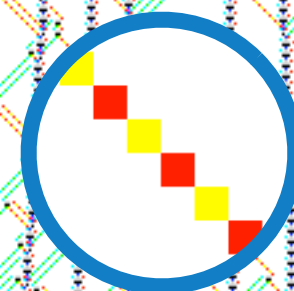
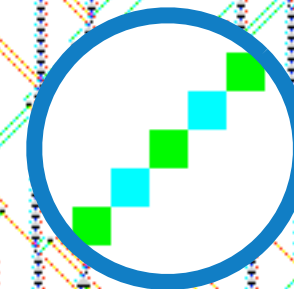
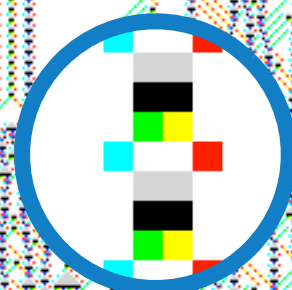
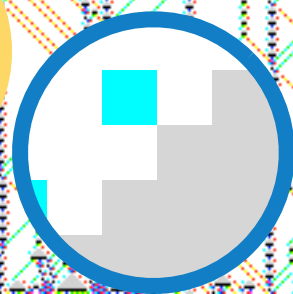
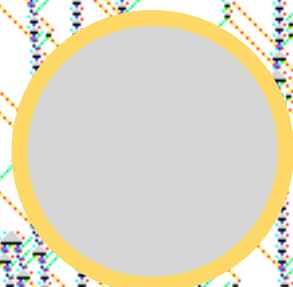
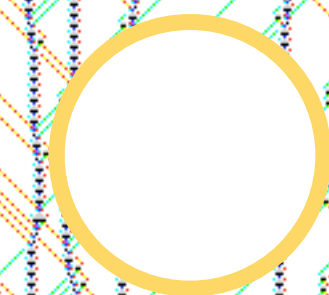
How to enumerate
backgrounds,
particles, collisions ?

How to select
backgrounds, particles
and collisions ?

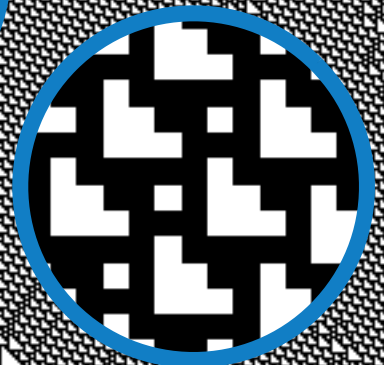
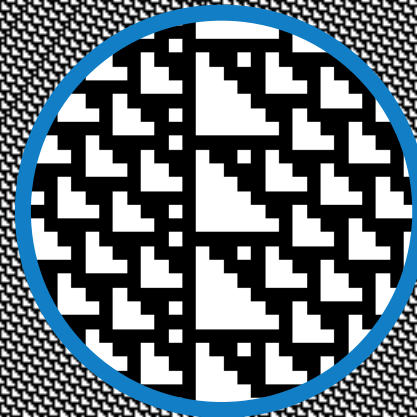
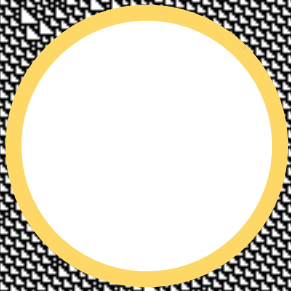
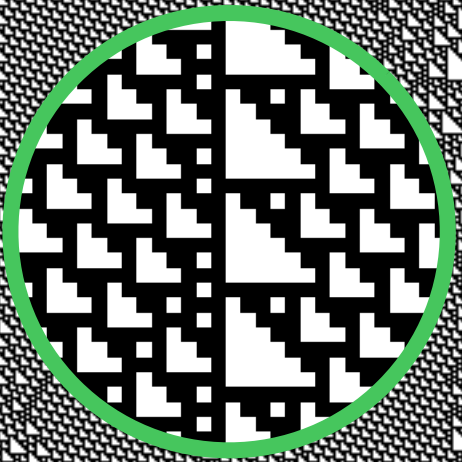
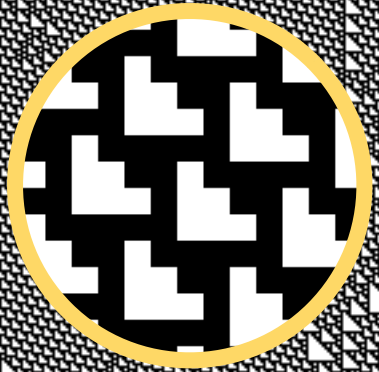
filtering. *L/Ve*

9 states

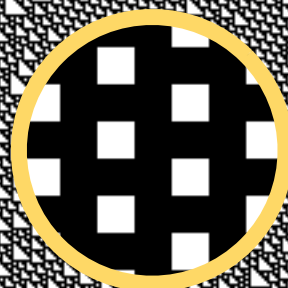
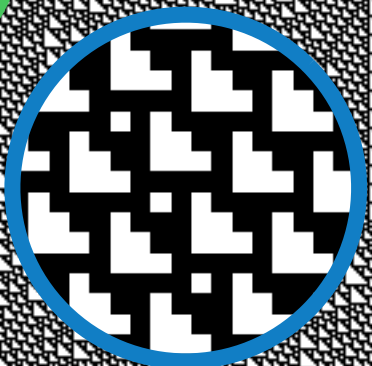
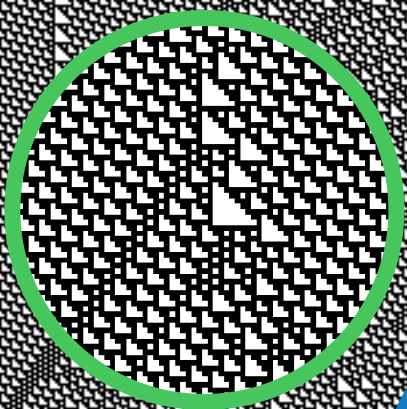
inspired by *Crutchfield & al*
one more prop: it's a CA



rule 110. *universal*
2 states, piles
big background (14)



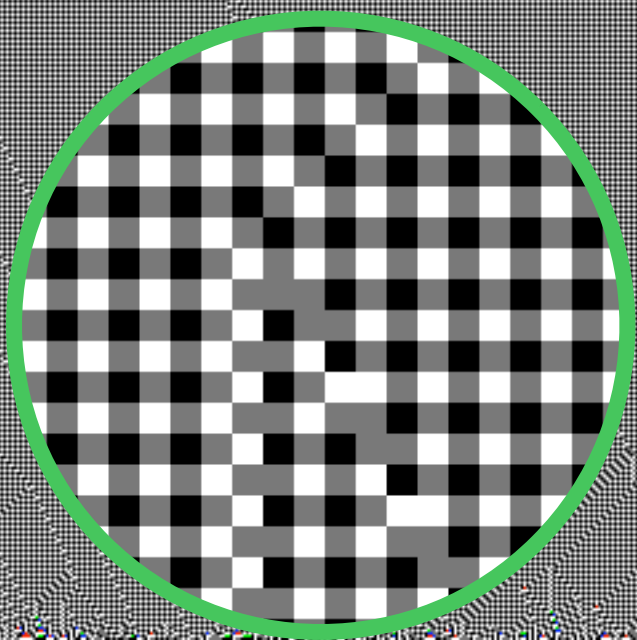
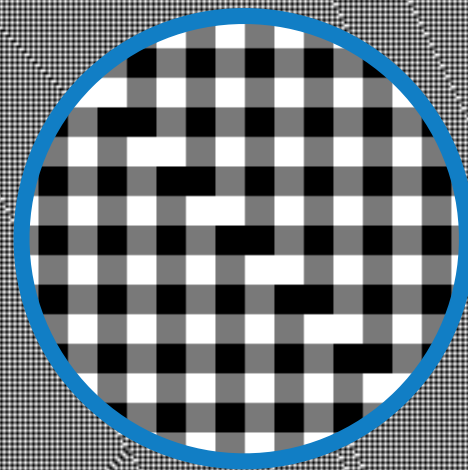
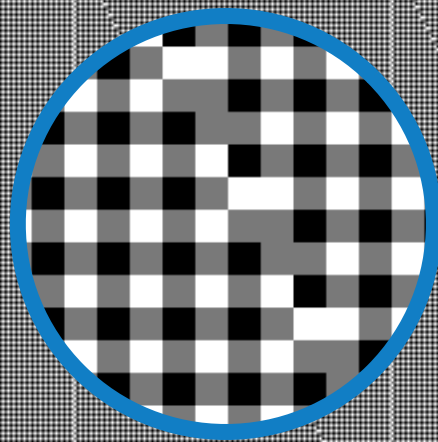
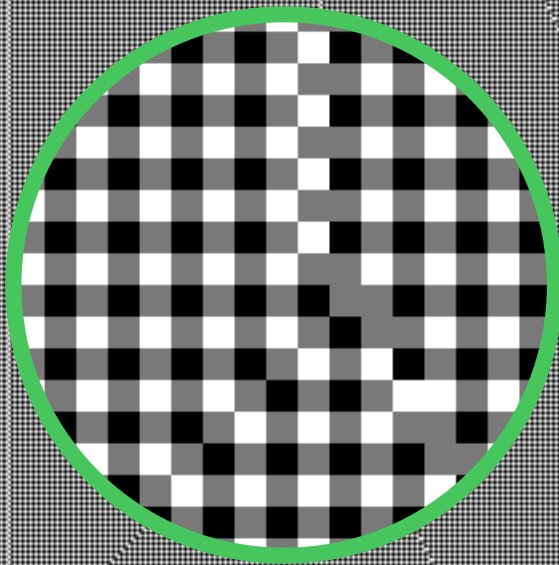
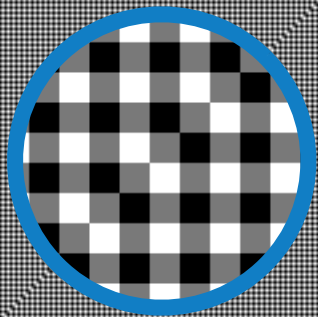
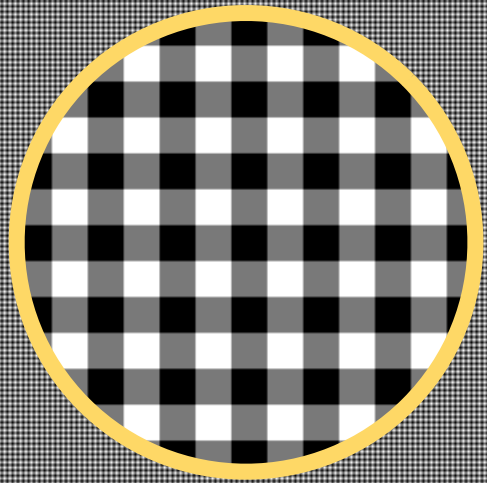
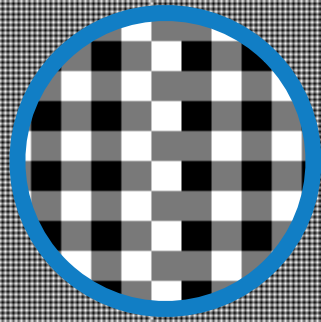
Infinitely many particles!

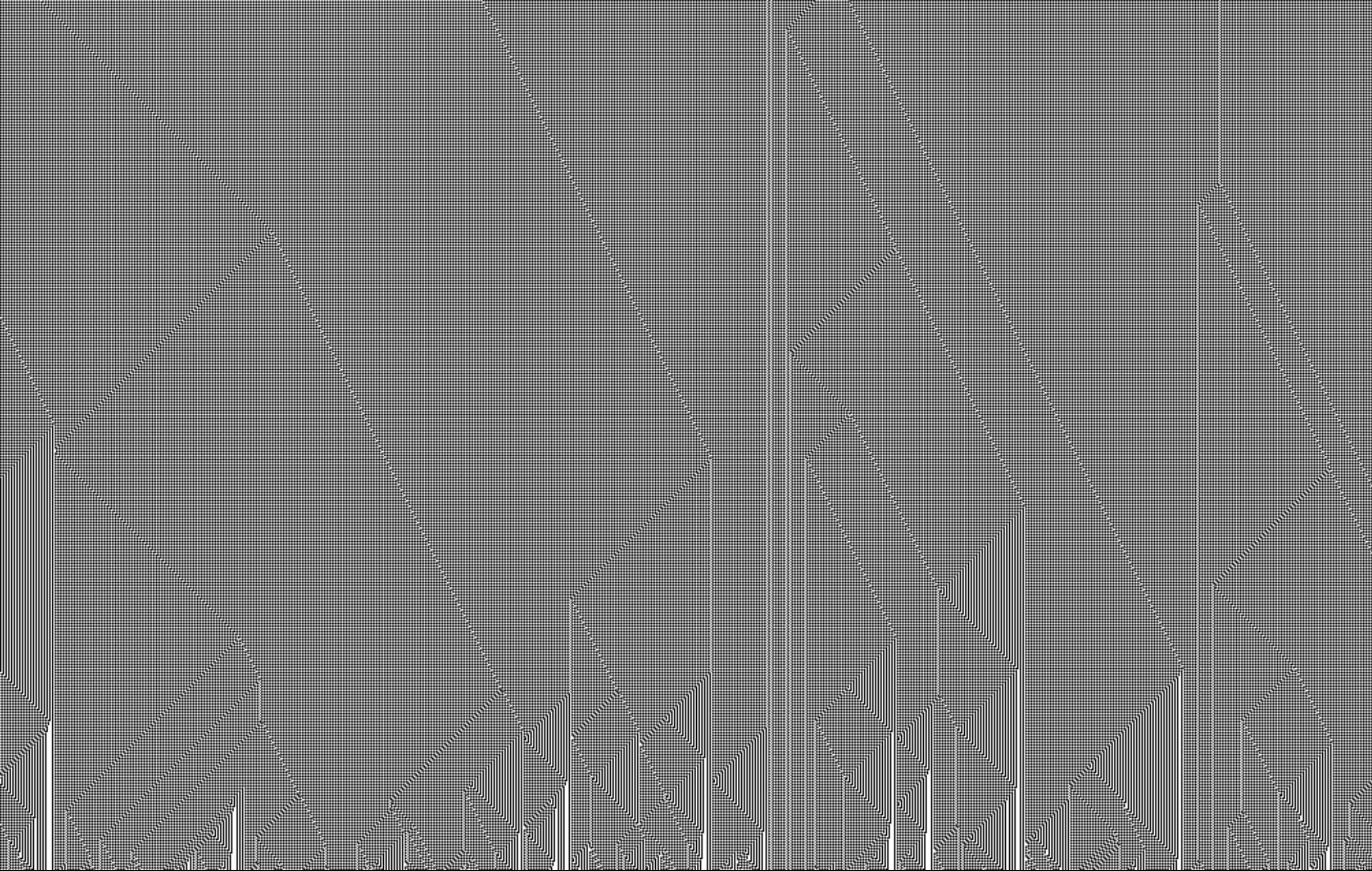


How to construct particle CA

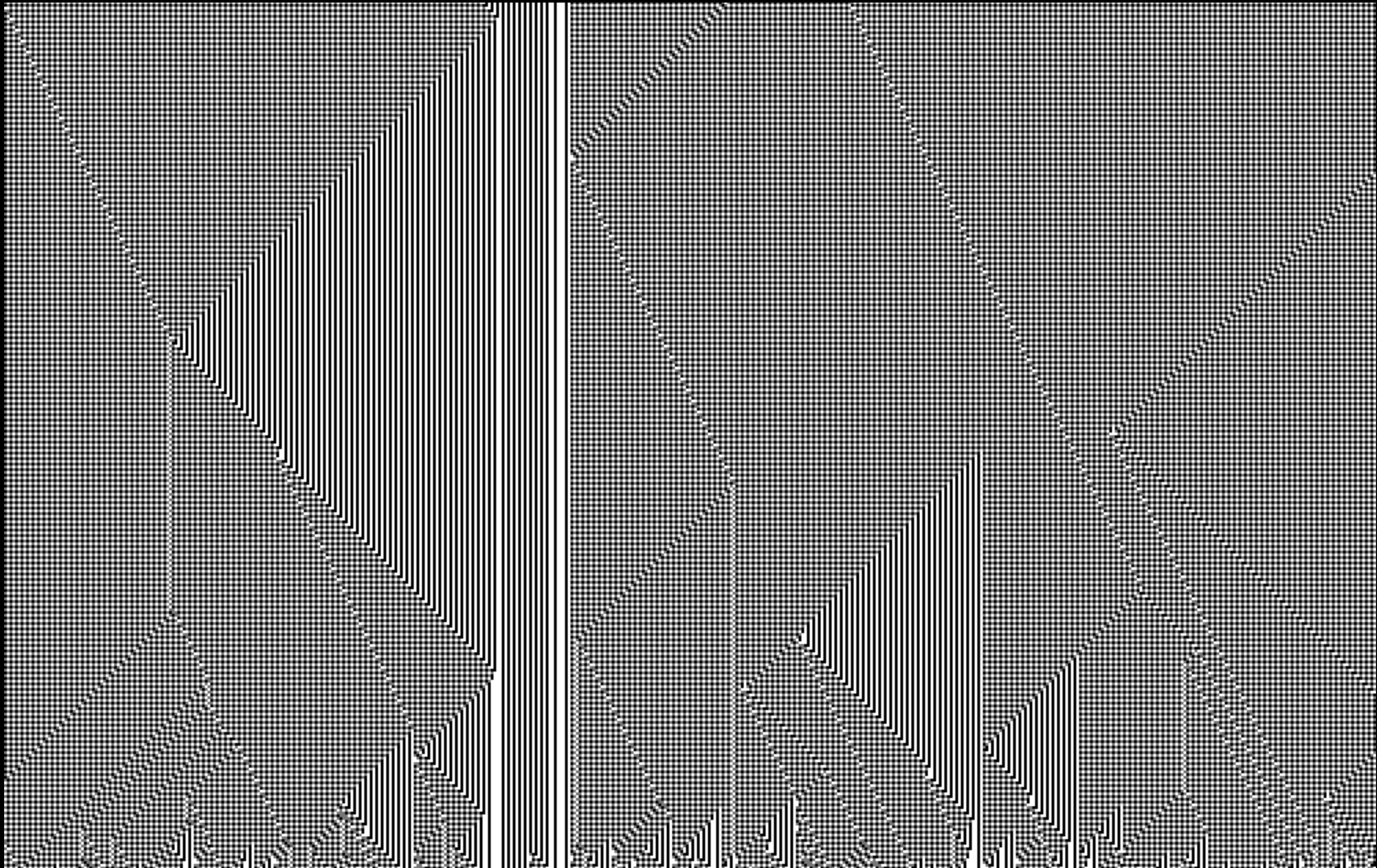
- it is easy to construct particle CA
- random rules regularly exhibit such behavior
- as an example for 3 states and first neighbors
- such particle CA are quite common

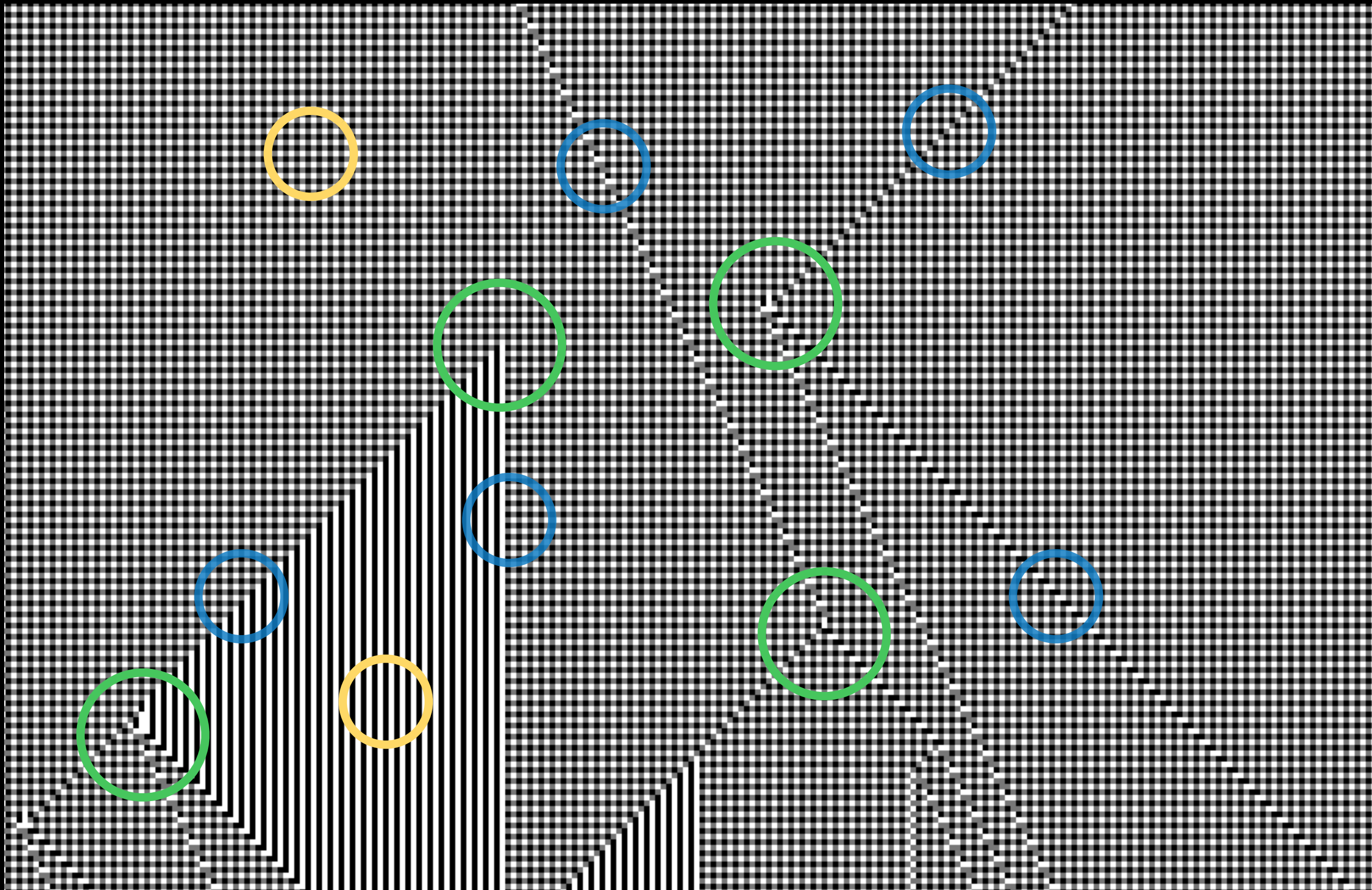
thin particles.
a good kind of
background?

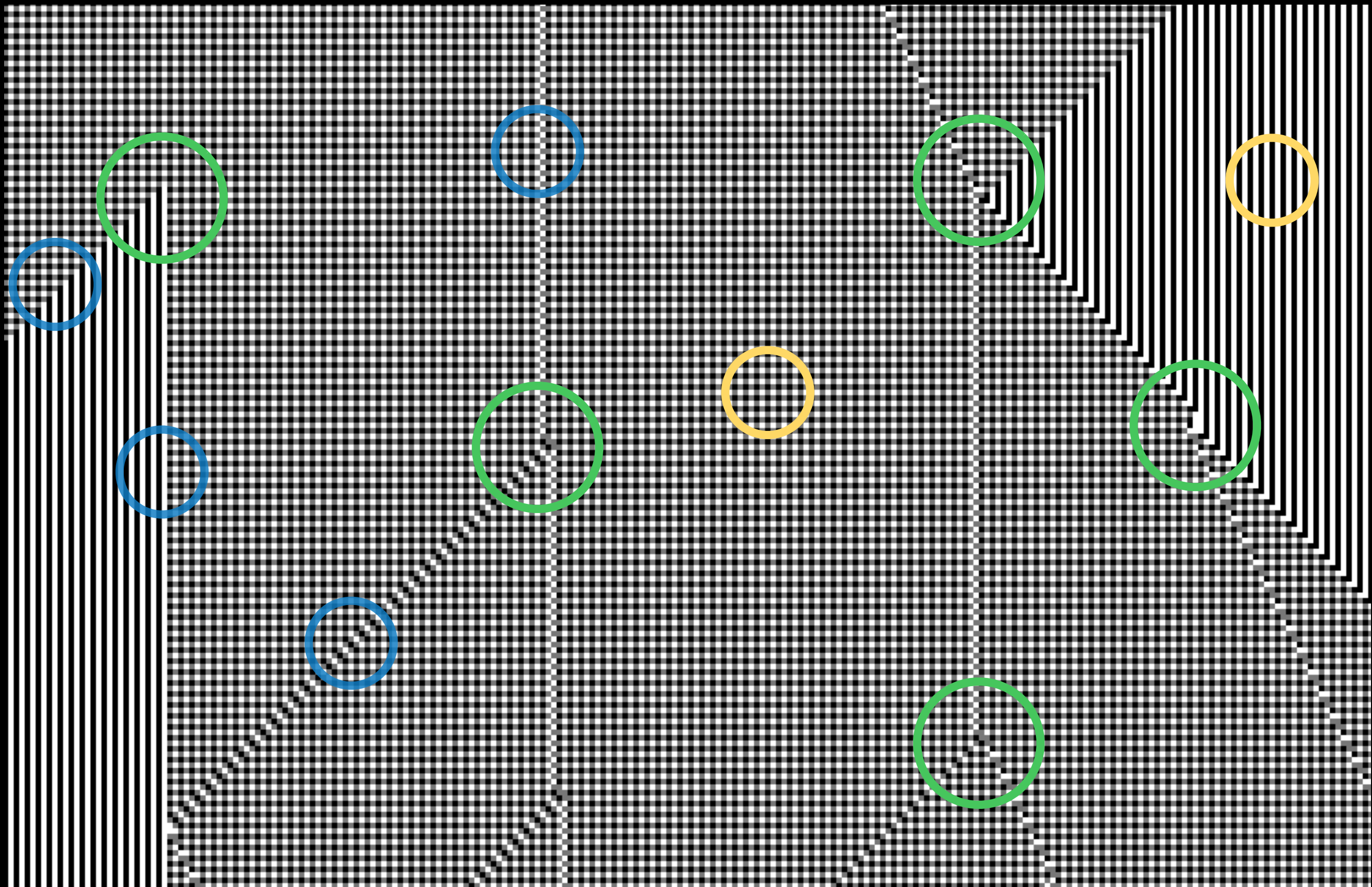




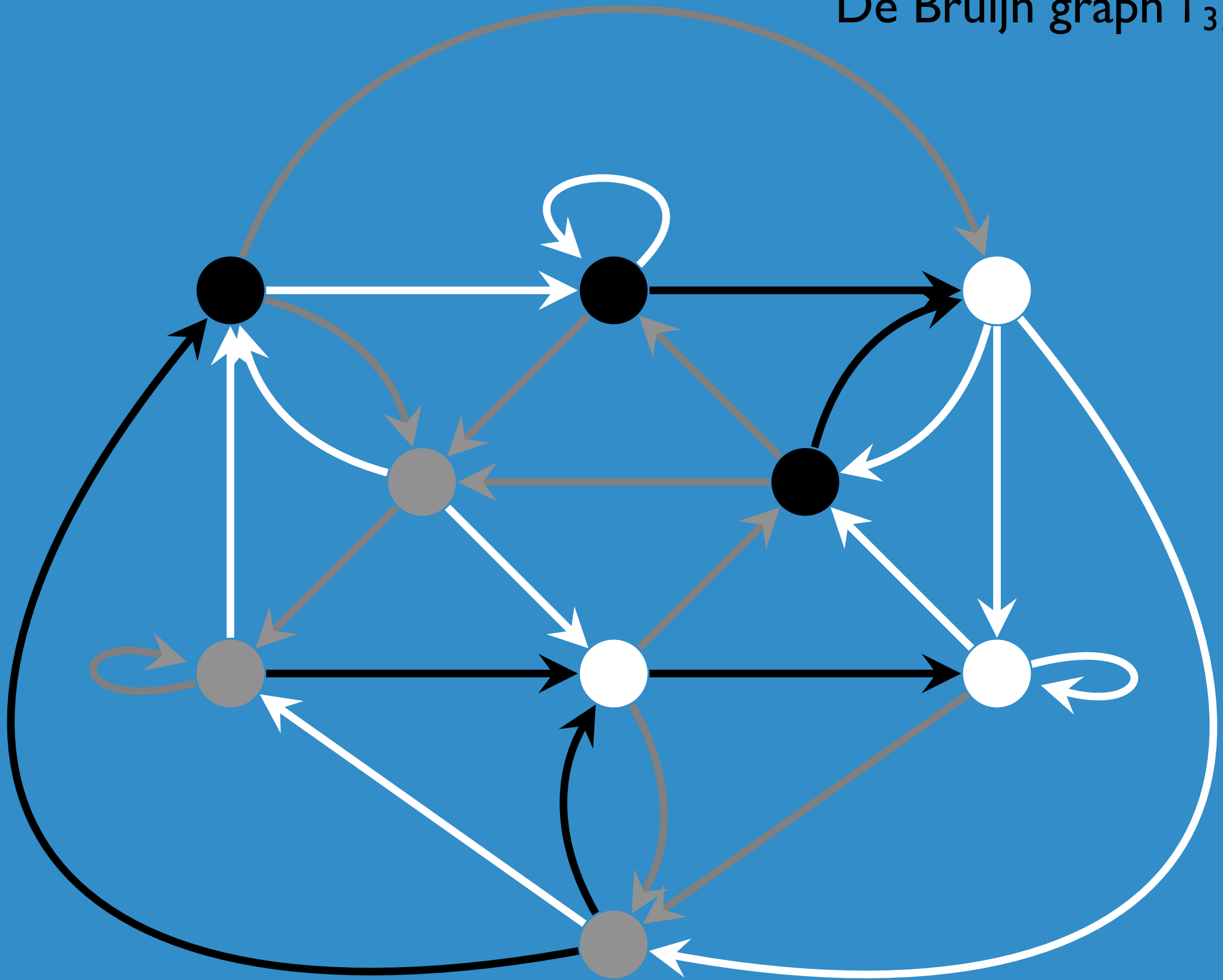




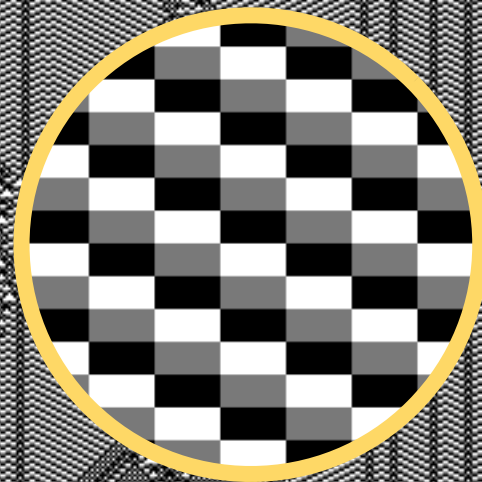
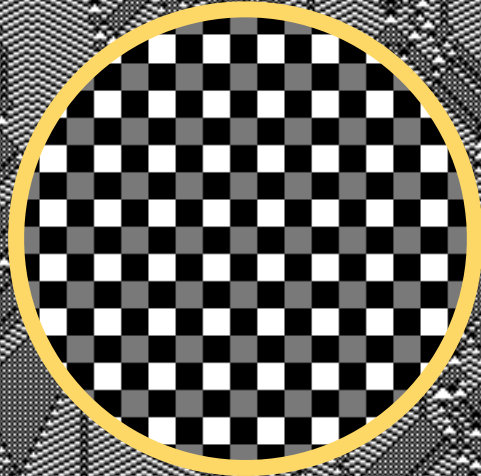
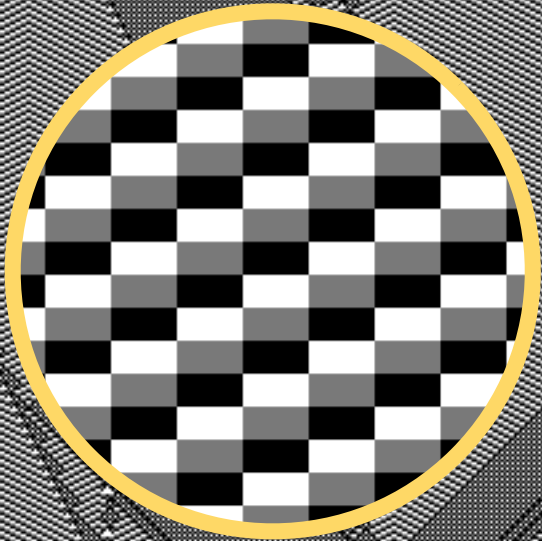


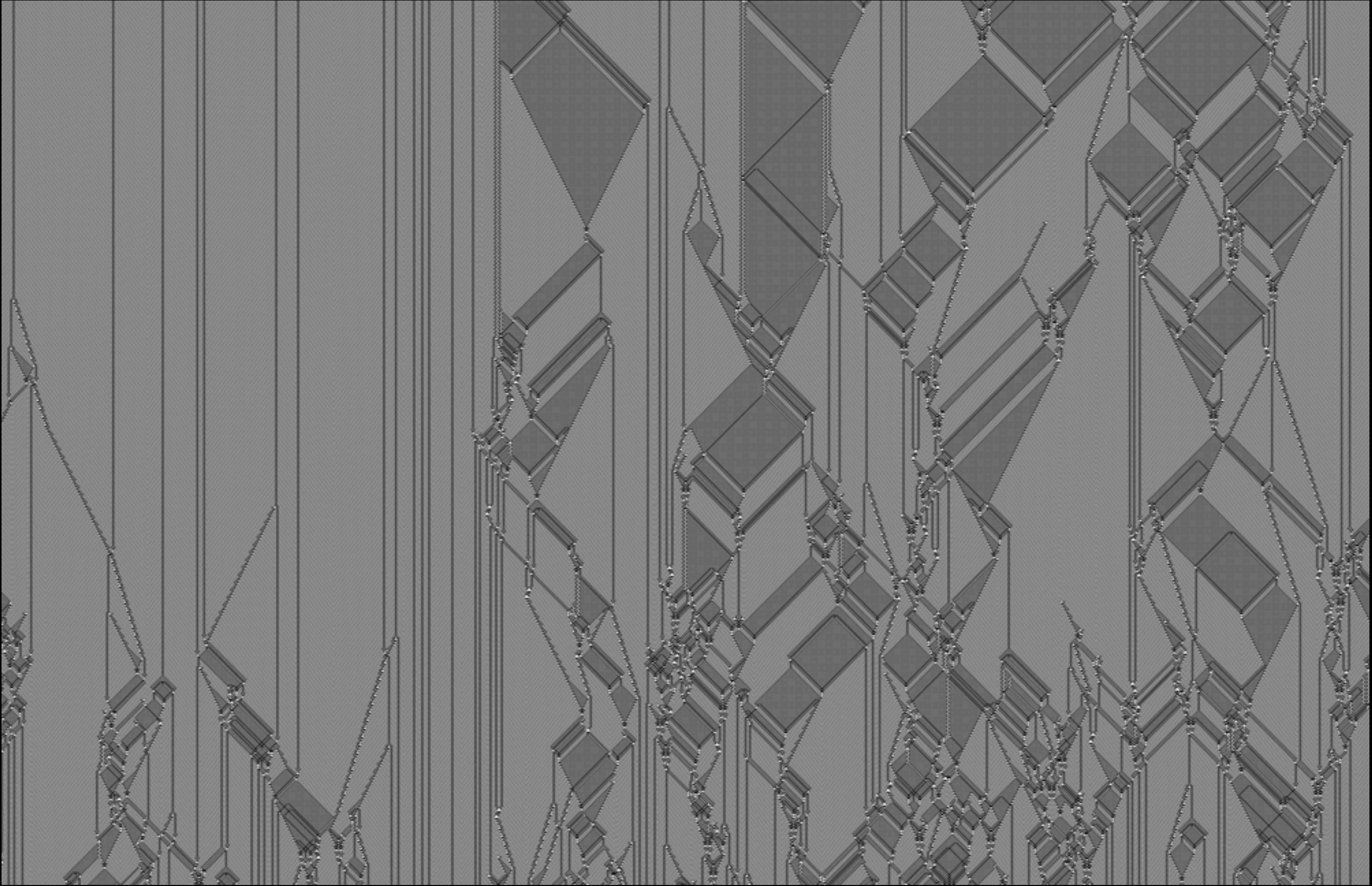


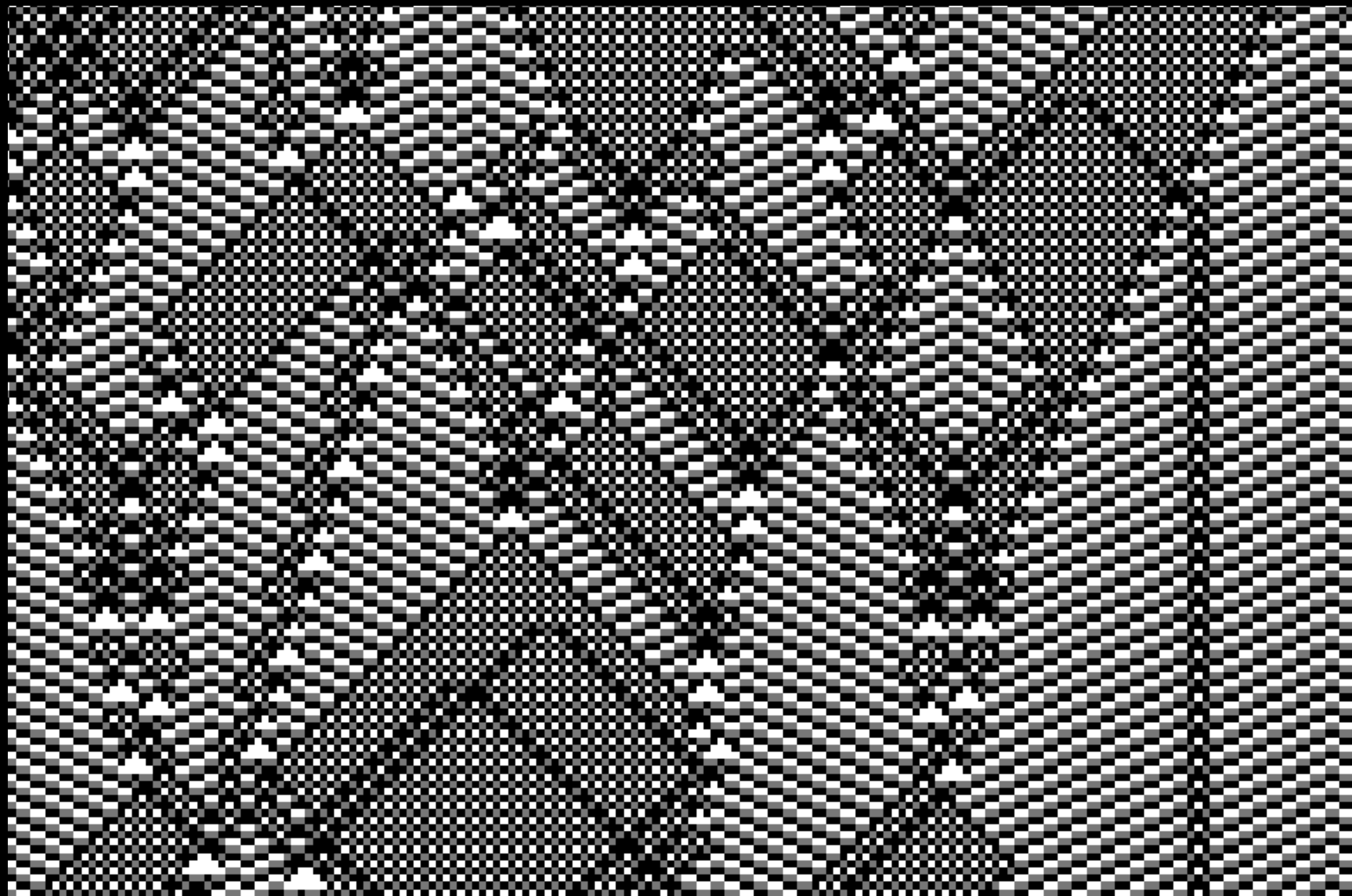
De Bruijn graph $\Gamma_{3,2}$

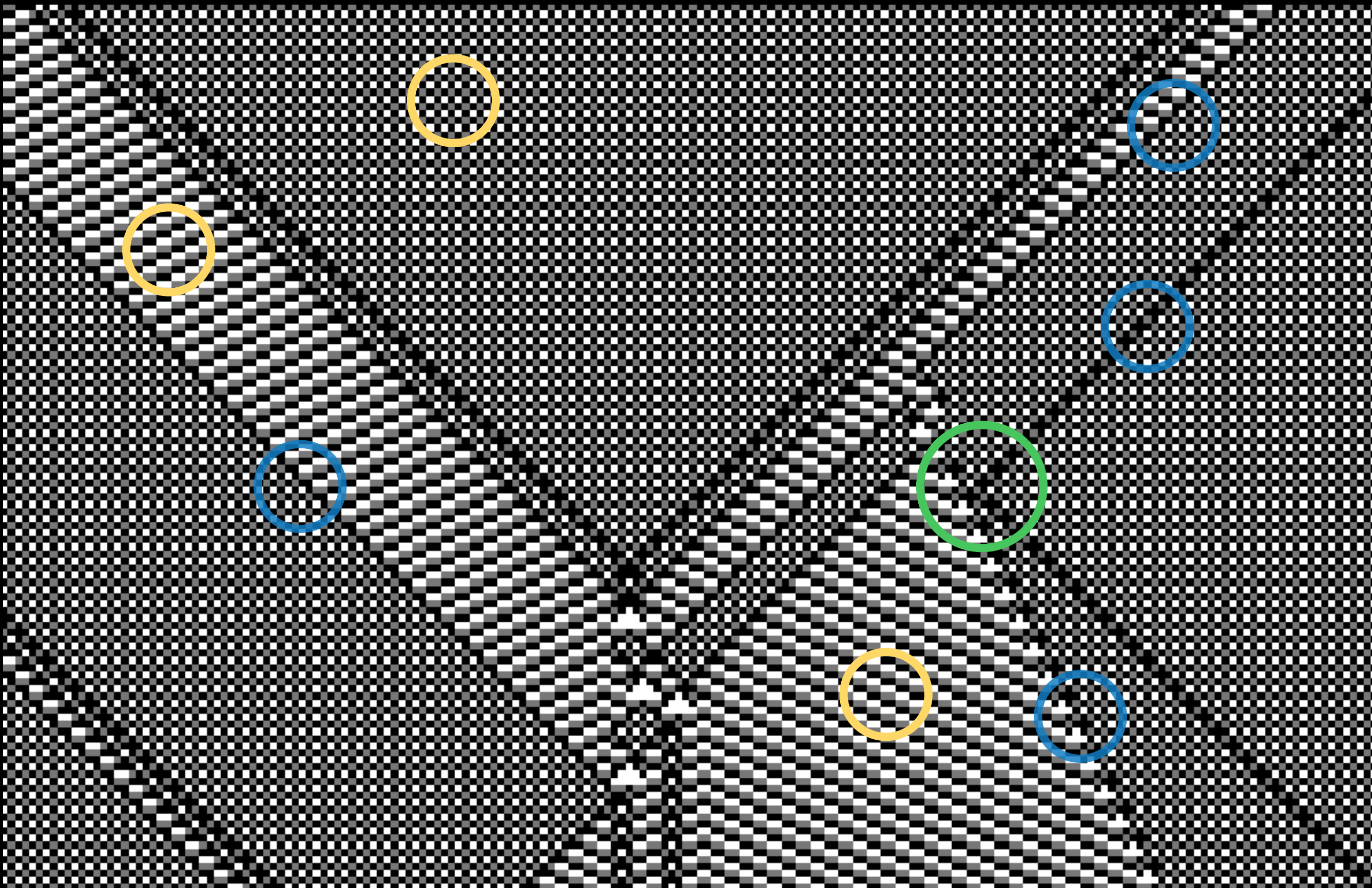


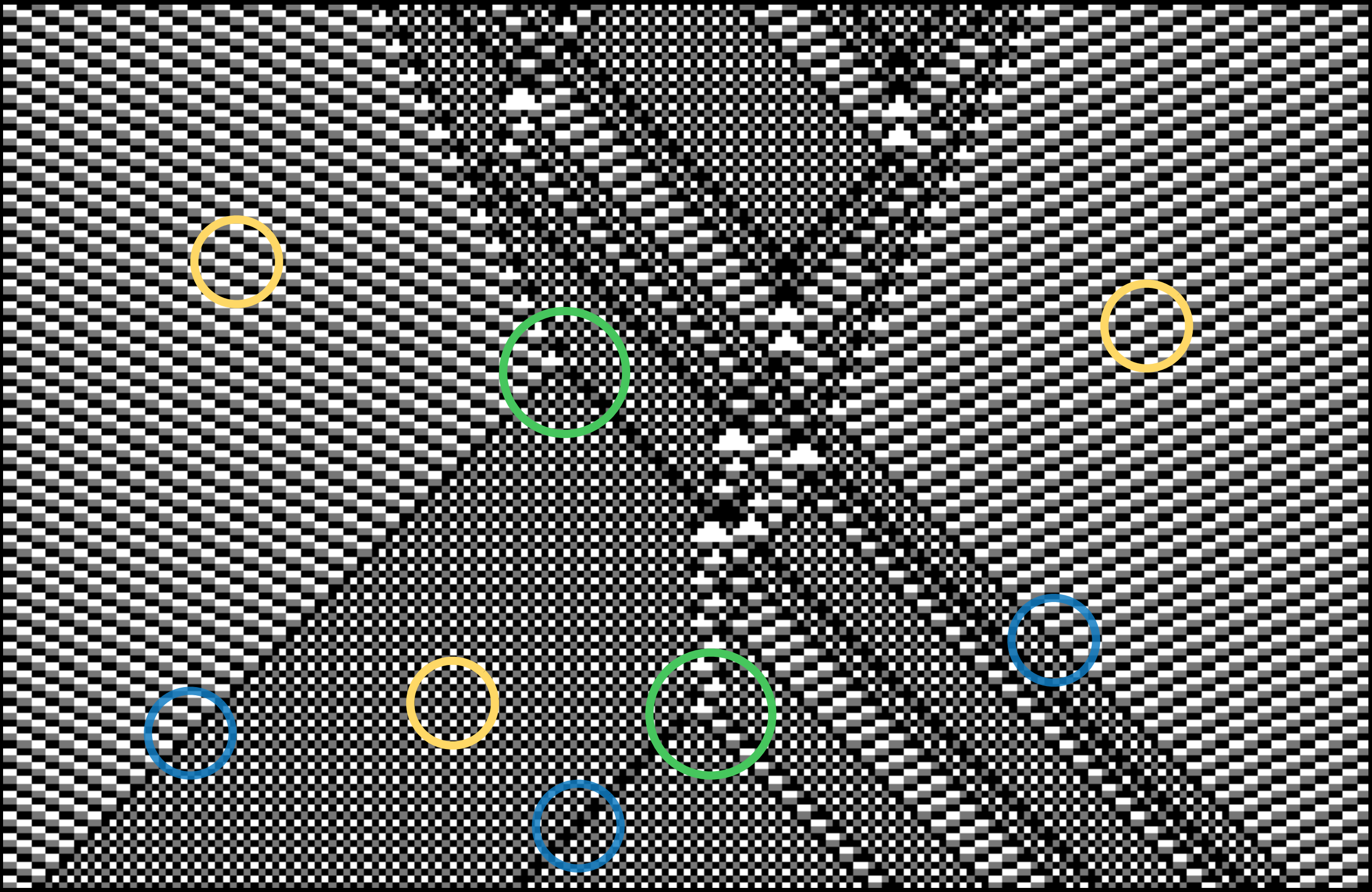
complex case.
how to study the
combinatorics of
such a CA?

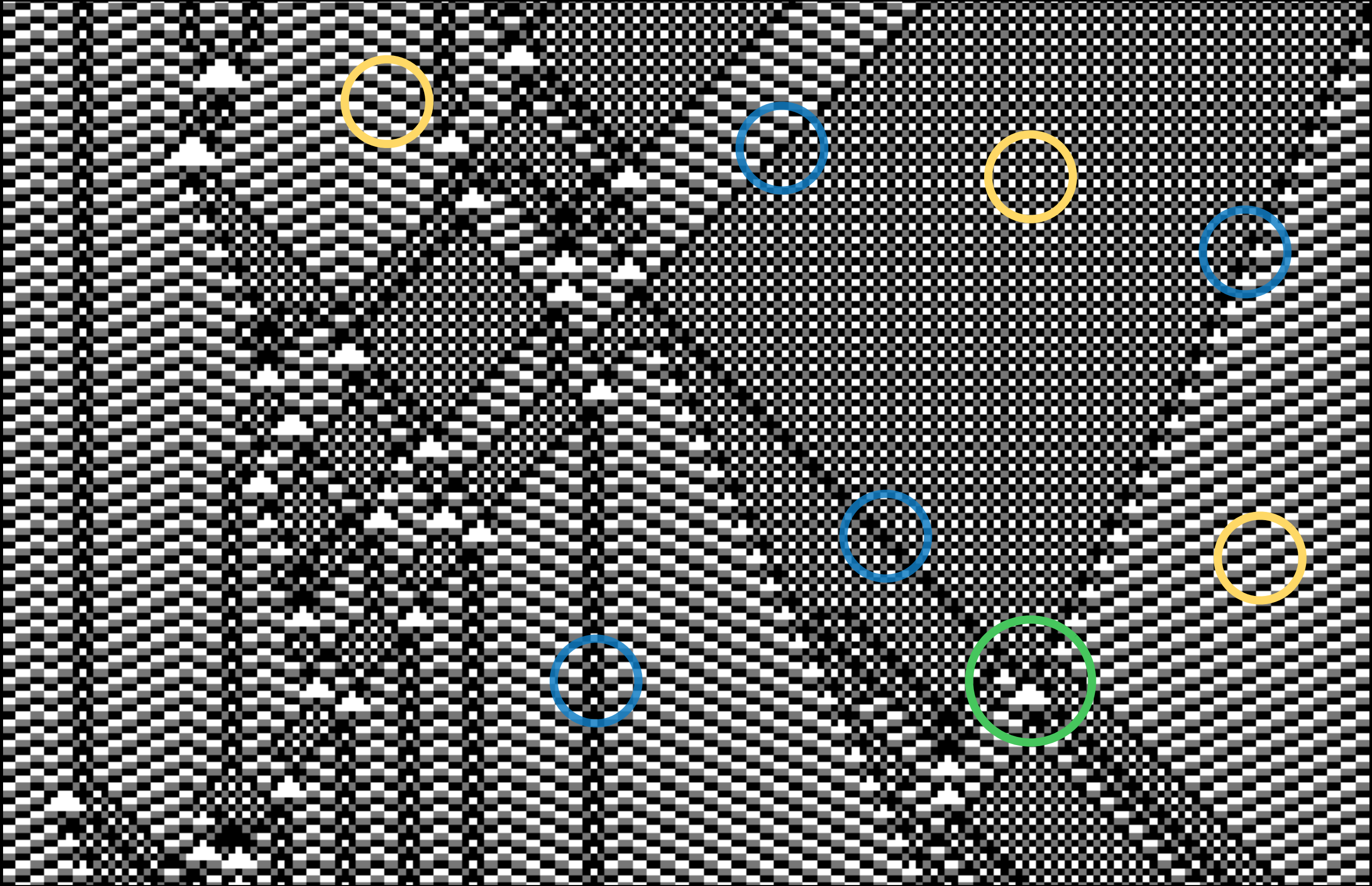




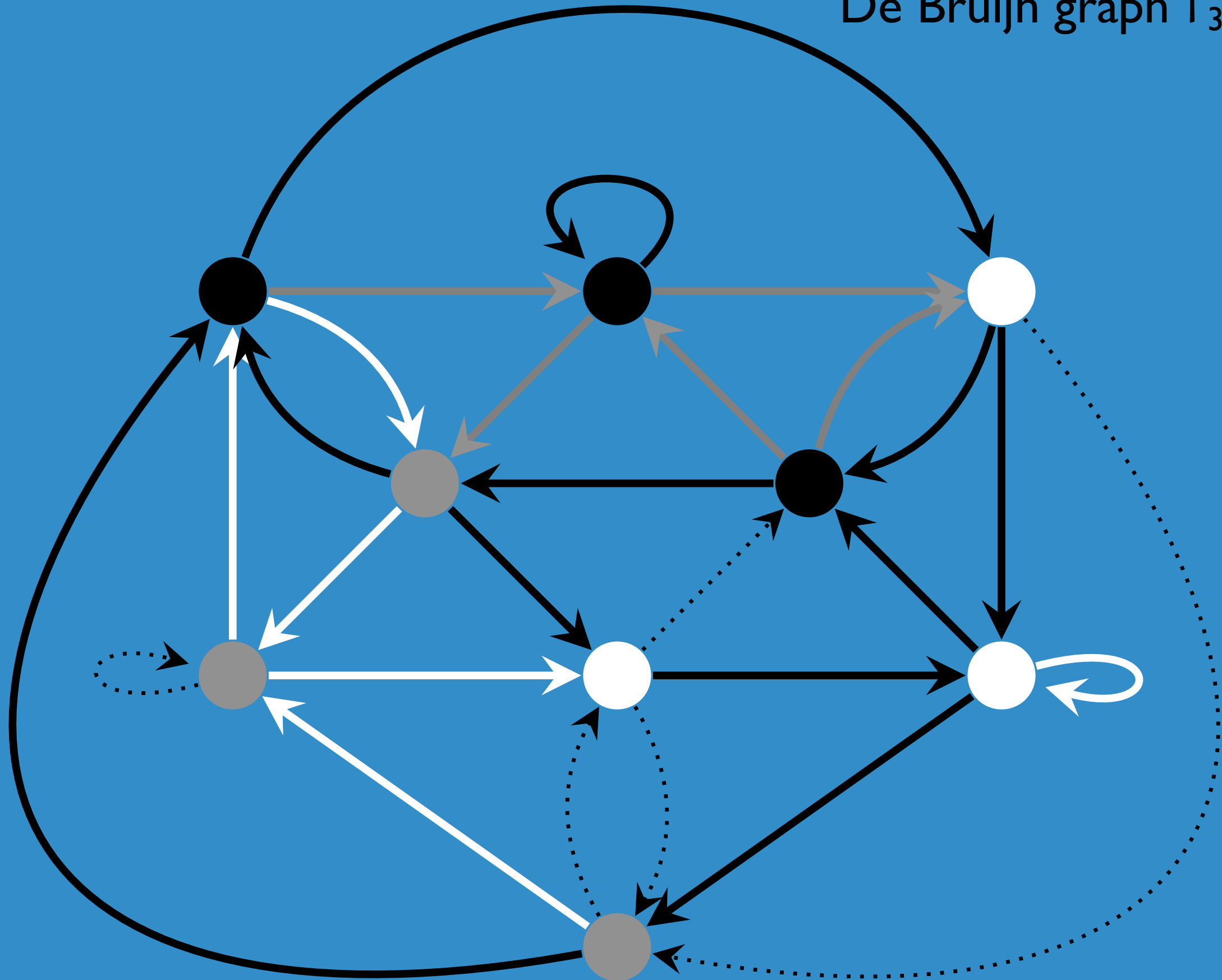








De Bruijn graph $\Gamma_{3,2}$



Questions

- What kind of tool can we hope to find?
- How to explain such a self-organization?
- How to study a given family of particles?
- How to exhibit complex particle CA?

2 PaCo systems

Back to basics

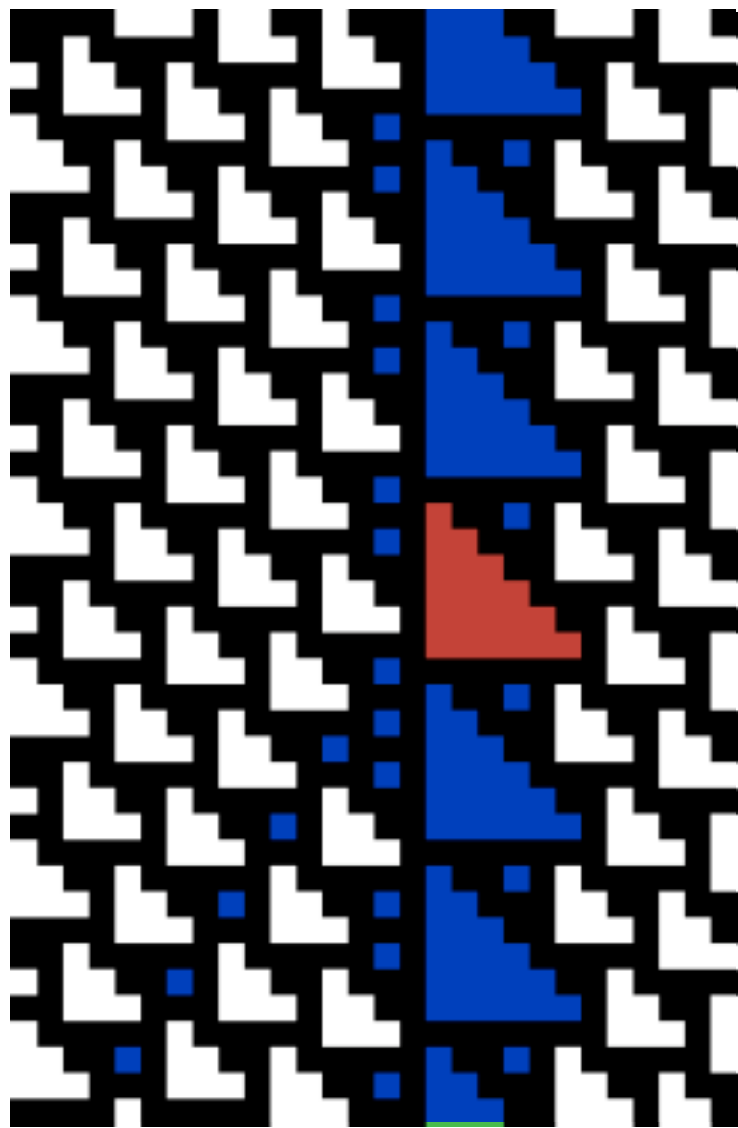
- We manipulate space-time diagrams
- **Background** (2D): bipériodic finite pattern ;
- **Particle** (1D): finite periodic pattern + bg ;
- **Collision** (0D): finite pattern + particles.

Plane

Line

Point

PaCo 110



$$A = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \text{img}_A \right\rangle$$

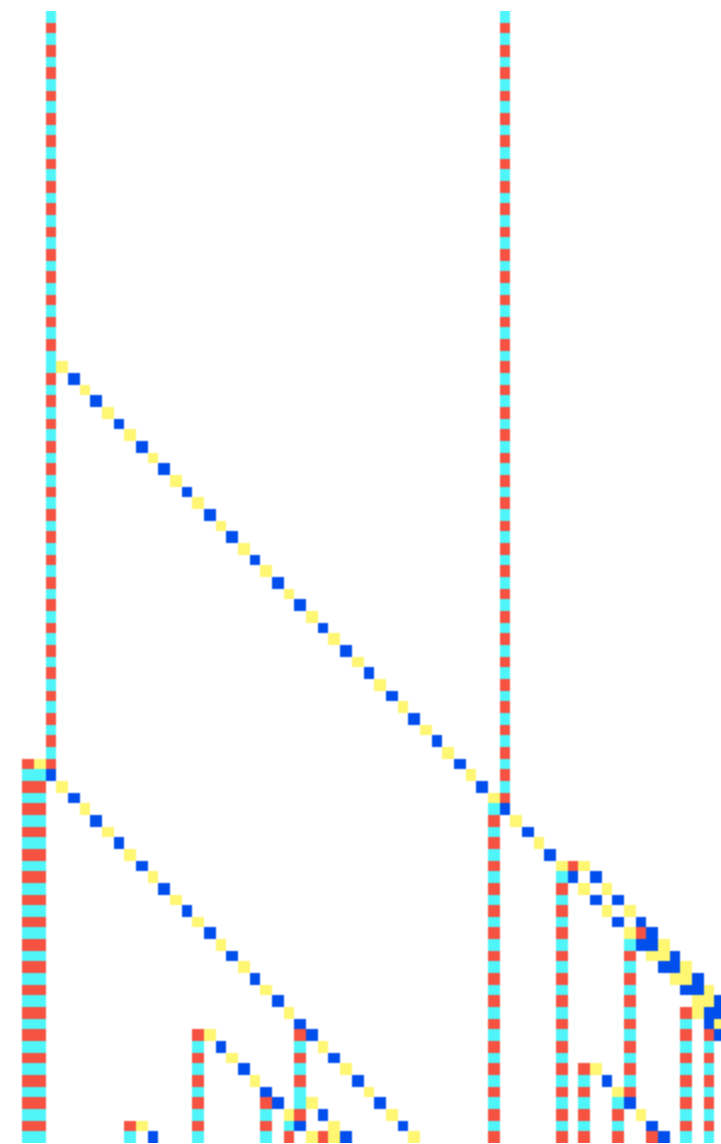
$$B = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}, \text{img}_B \right\rangle$$

$$C = \left\langle \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \text{img}_C \right\rangle$$

$$\Gamma : \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} C + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix} A \vdash \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} B$$

A simpler example

l	m	r	$\delta(l, m, r)$
—	■	■	□
—	■	■	■
—	■	■	■
■	■	—	□
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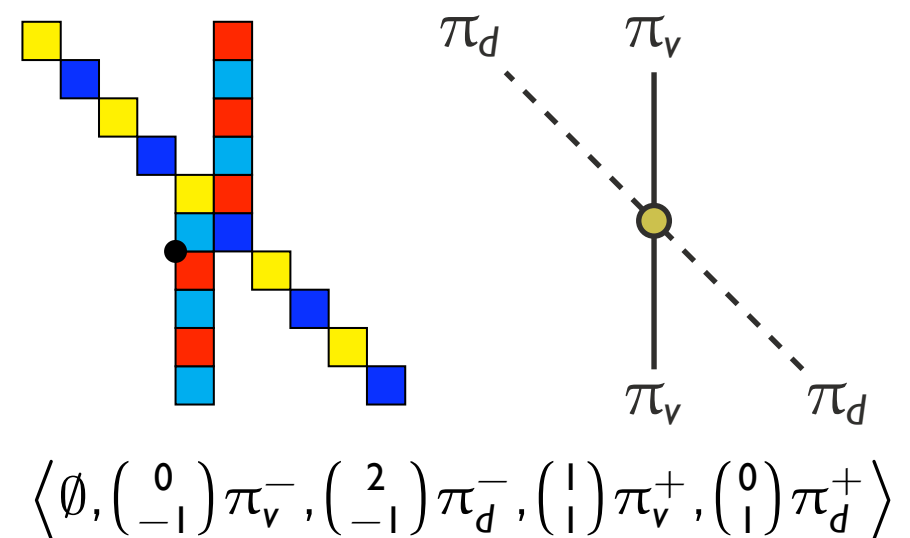
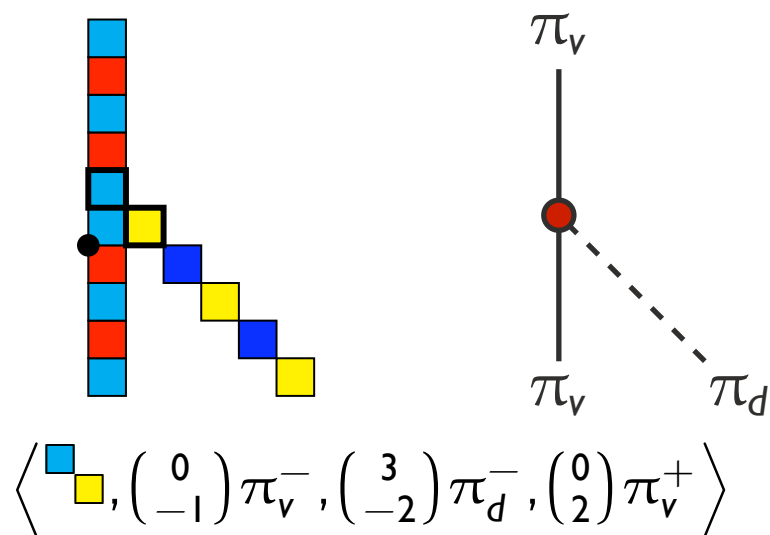
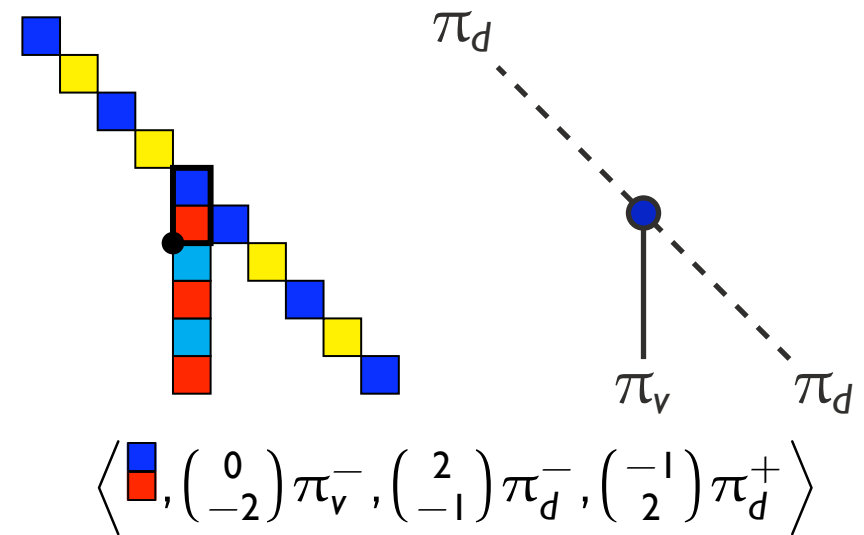
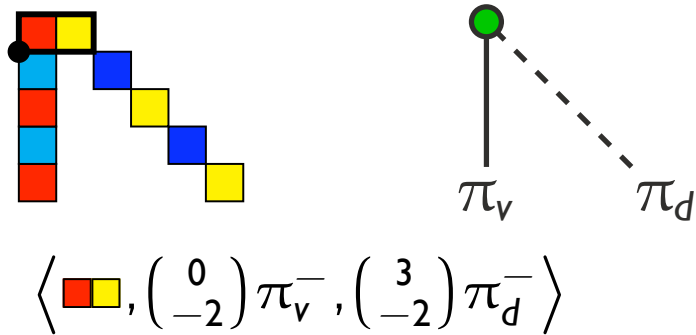
A simpler example (cont')

$$\left\langle \square, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\pi_d = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{blue square} \\ \text{yellow square} \end{array}, \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

$$\pi_v = \left\langle \begin{array}{c} \text{light blue square} \\ \text{red square} \end{array}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \right\rangle$$

A simpler example (cont')



Simplicity \Rightarrow Properties

- These objects are kept simple on purpose
- Finite & periodic = regular, rational
- Elements can be composed easily (algo)

Already too much complicated!

Composing PaCo

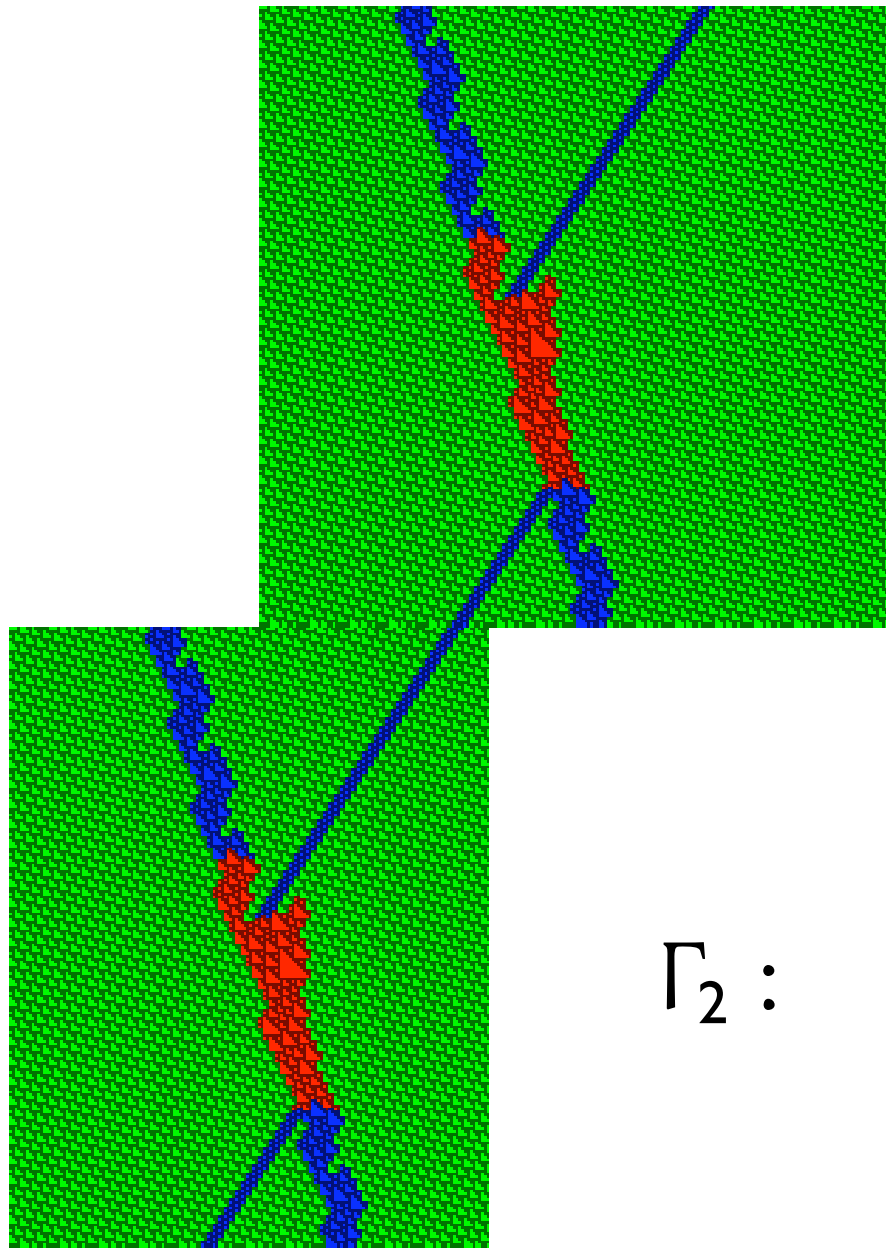
- One can bind collisions together.

Principle Merge incoming and outgoing particles when possible. Some bindings are not valid !

$$\Gamma' = \left(\begin{pmatrix} \alpha_1 \\ \beta_1 \end{pmatrix} \Gamma_1 + \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_2 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} \Gamma_2 + \cdots + \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_n \\ \beta_n \end{pmatrix} \Gamma_n \right)_{\text{bind}}$$

- Binding is easy to construct and validate.

Binding in 110



$$\Gamma_c : \quad \alpha L + \beta R \vdash \gamma L + \delta R$$

$$\Gamma_2 = (\Gamma_c + \nu \Gamma_c)_{R_1^{\text{out}} + R_2^{\text{in}}}$$

$$\Gamma_2 : \quad \alpha L + \beta R + \nu \alpha L \vdash \gamma L + \nu \gamma L + \nu \delta R$$

Simple not simplistic

- Glider-Gun are not a problem
- Most constructions fit (e.g. 110, 4st)
- Match with intuition *à la Wolfram...*

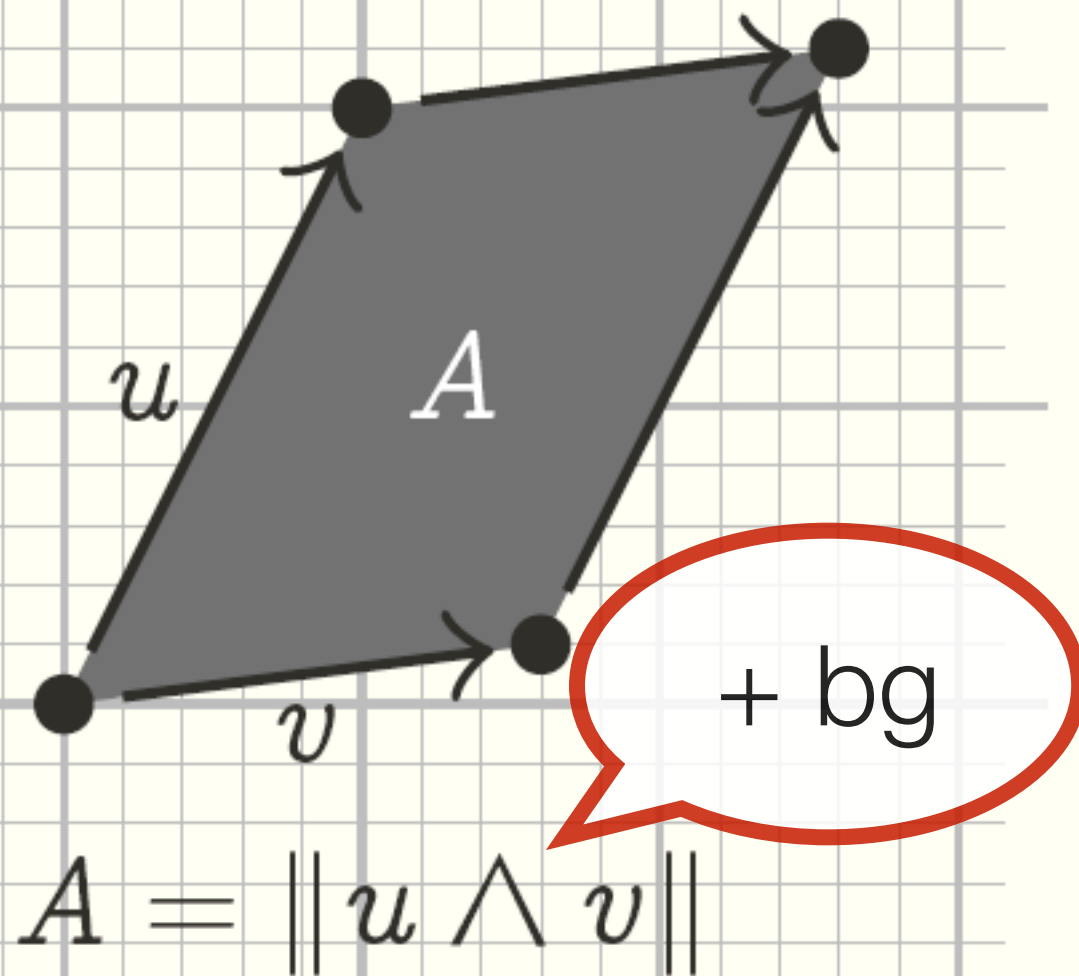
From CA to PaCo

- How to select background, particles, collisions?
- Completeness is difficult to achieve...
- By now, we just choose according to goal.

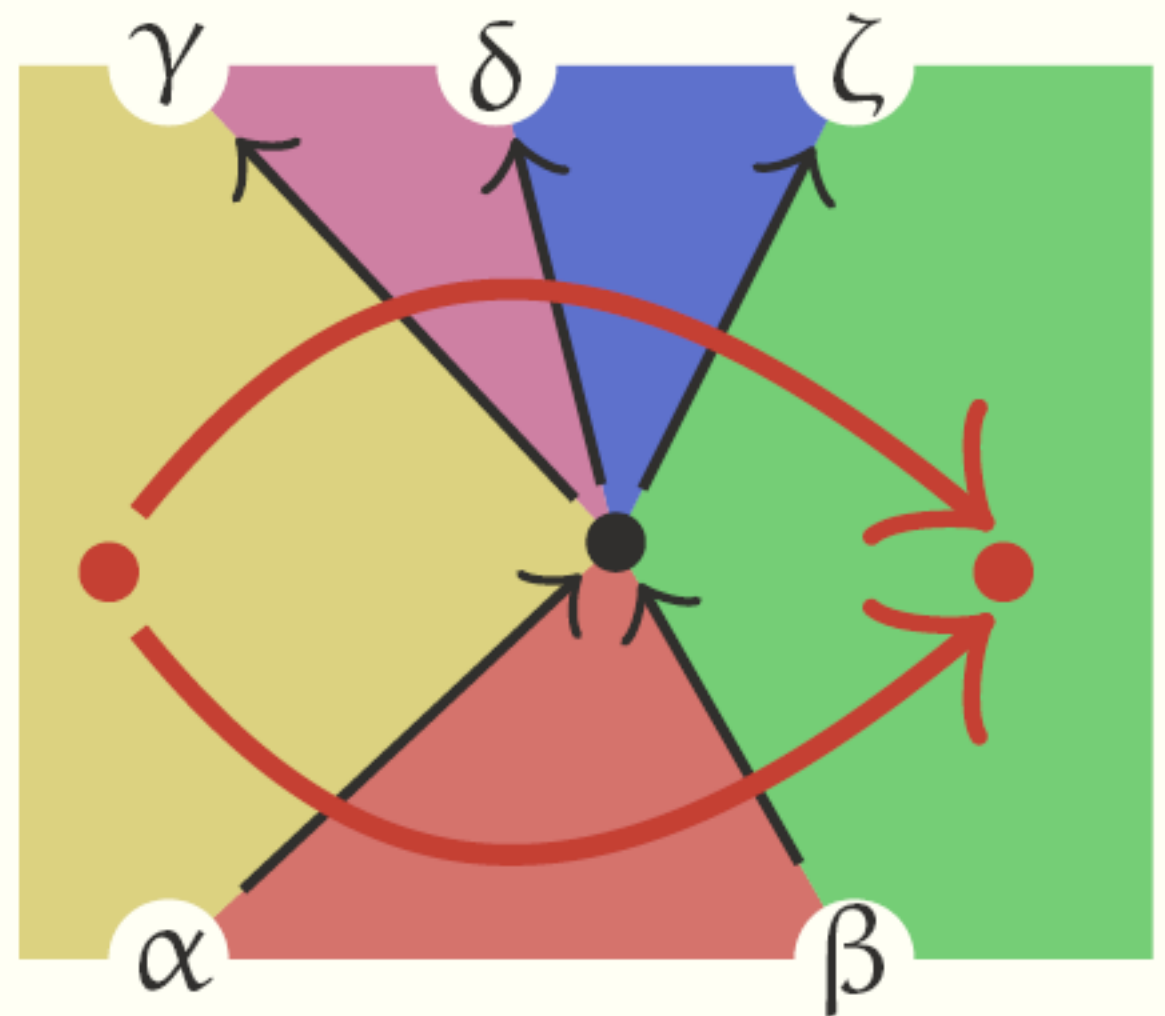
How to bound the collisions?

- Let's fix both background and particles.
- What collisions may happen?
- Why are there only collisions occurring?

2-collision



à la Crutchedfield

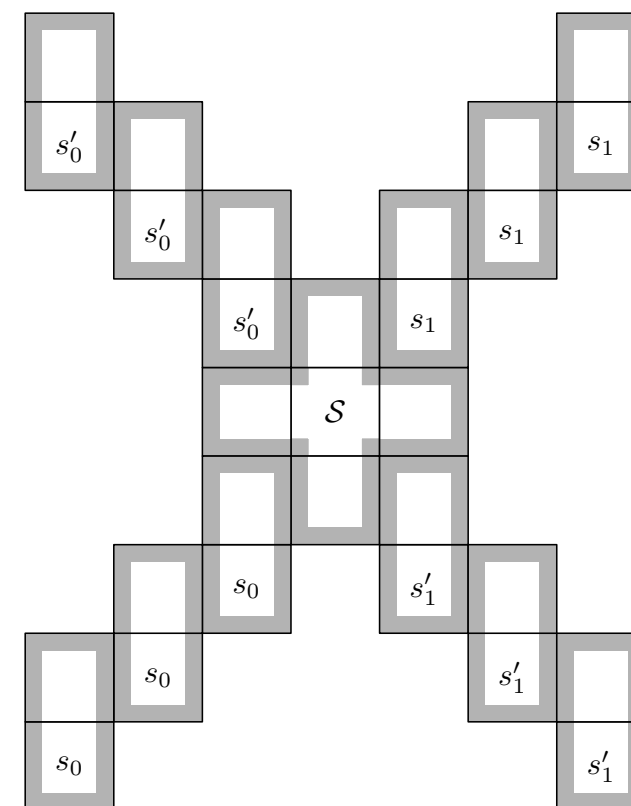
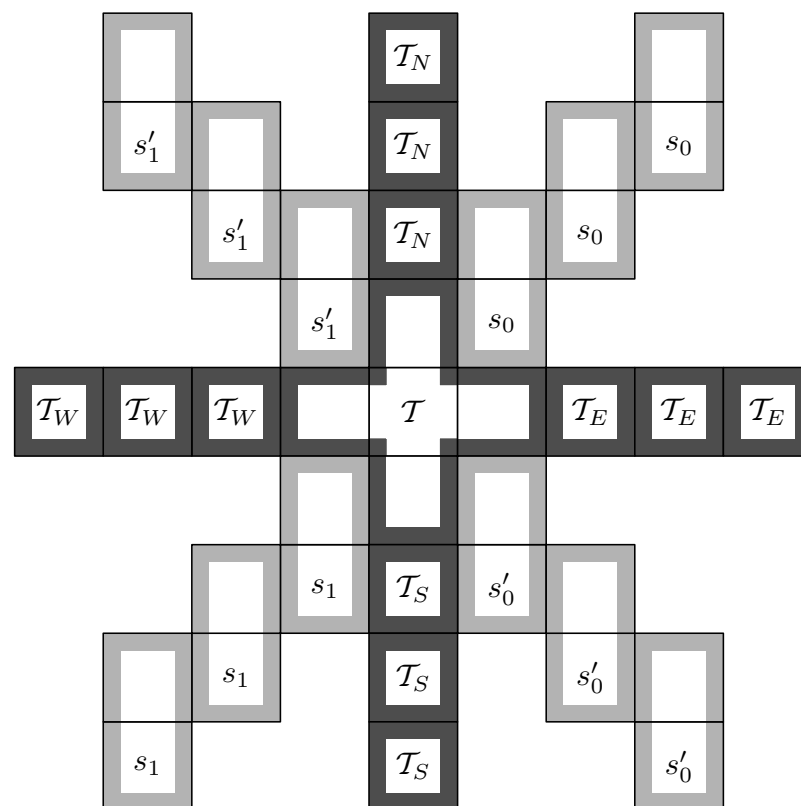


à la B. Martin II

Dealing with constructions

- Think in 2 dimensions
- PaCo \Leftrightarrow Wang tileset:
 - PaCo diagrams are tilings (straightforward) ;
 - Tileset can be encoded into PaCo (easy):

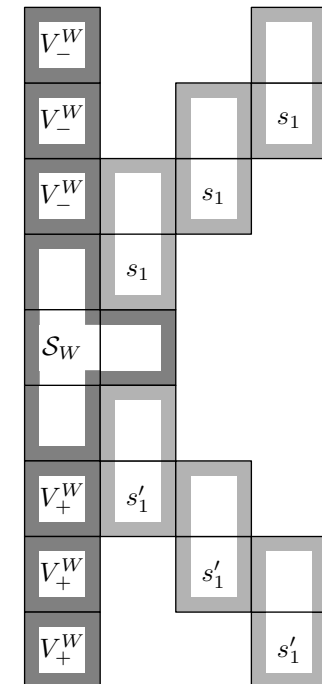
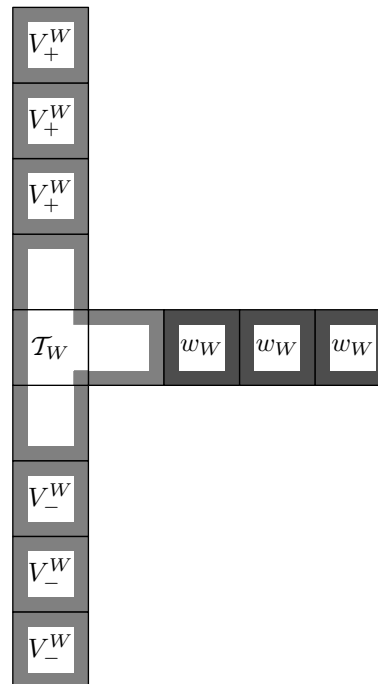
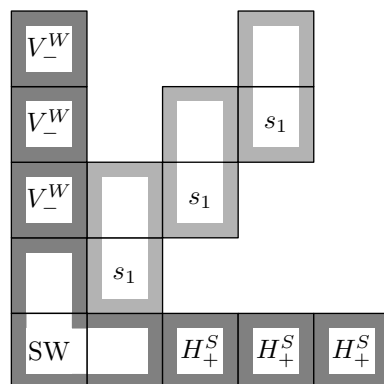
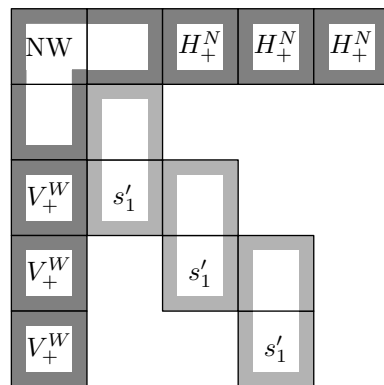
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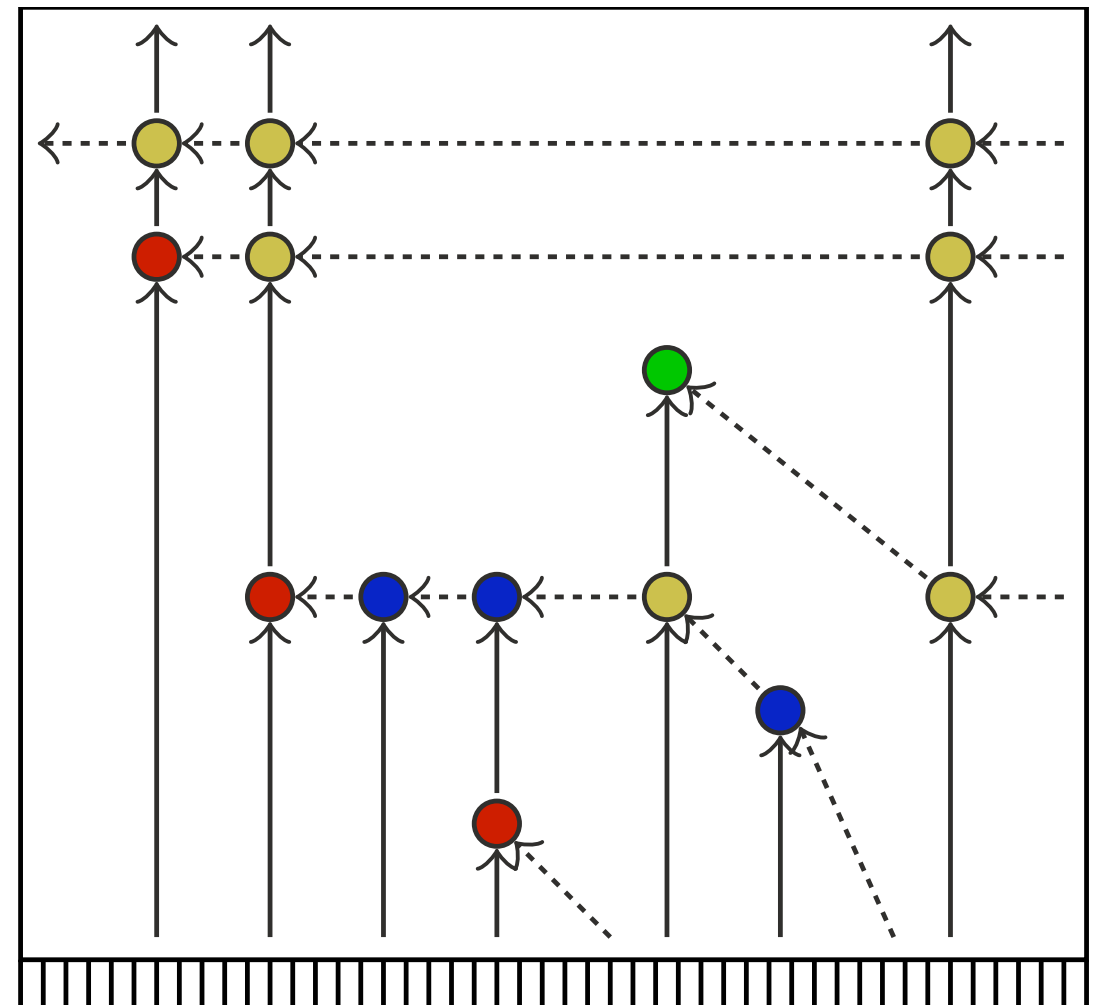
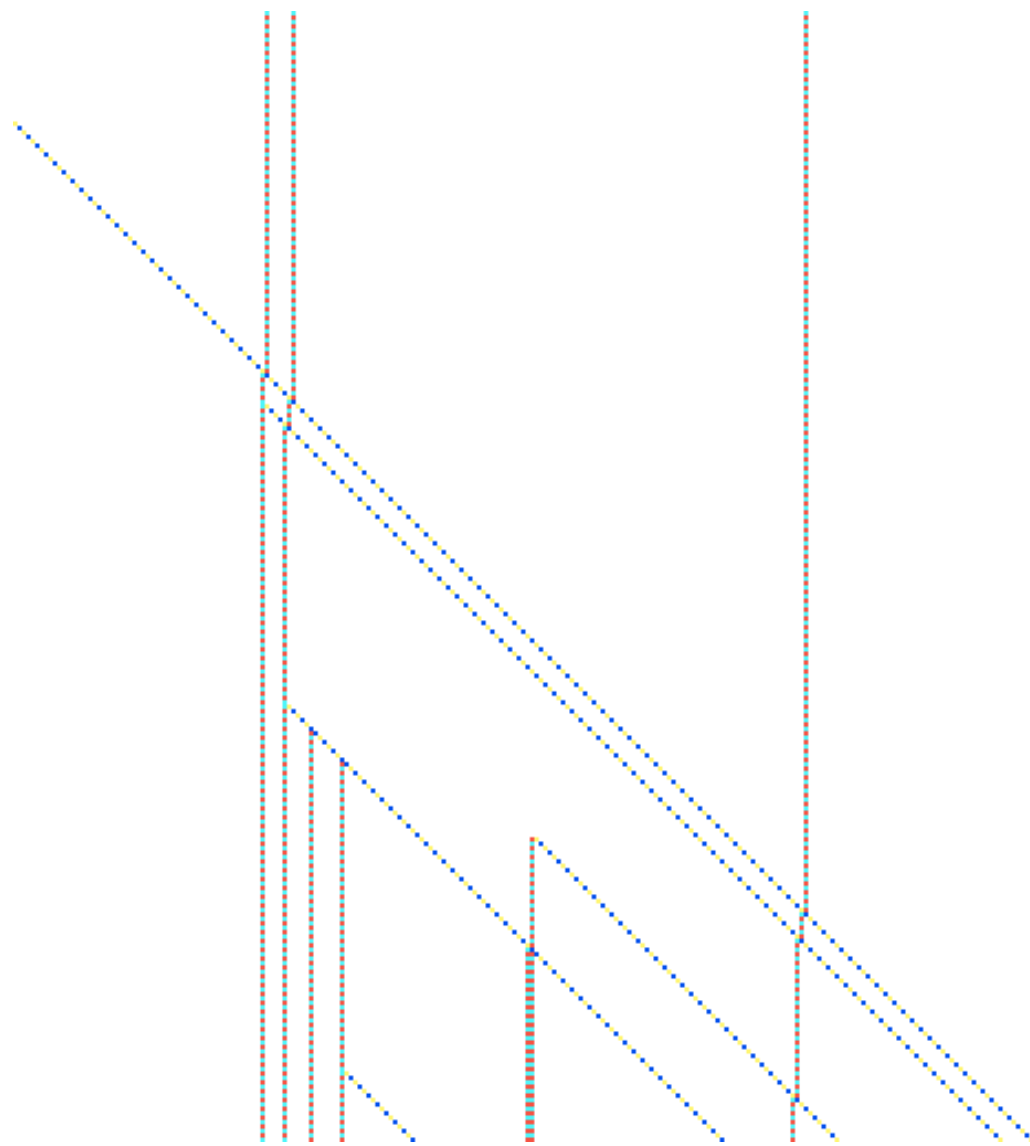
Finite binding is undecidable

- With tilings come undecidability
- Finite collision binding can be reduced to the problem of finite tiling of the plane.

Gadgets



Space-time diagrams?

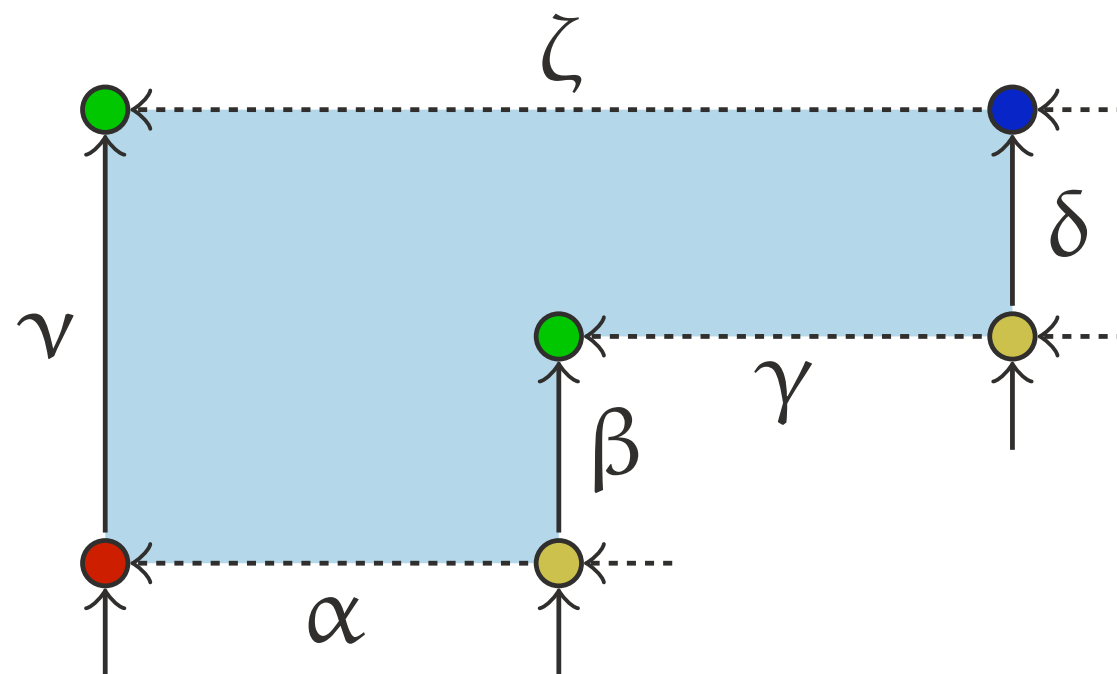


Planar maps

- Networks of collisions...
- ...are graphs
- **Better:** planar graphs
- and planar graphs have **Faces!**

Faces

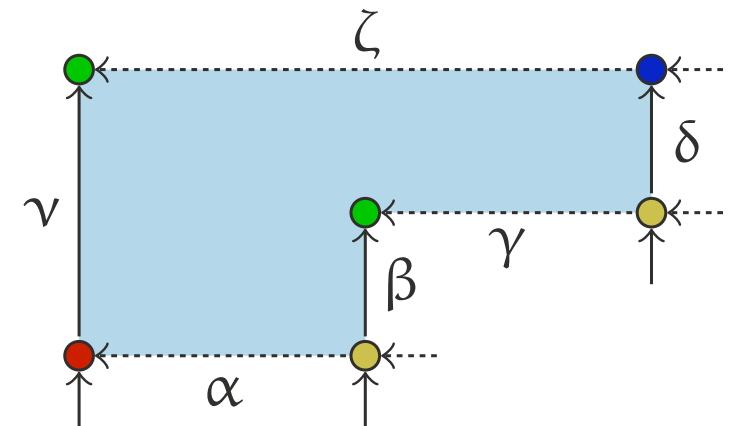
- Here a **face** corresponds to a polyomino bounded by particles and collisions.



Constraints on repetitions

System of linear equations over integers
searching for integer solutions

can be encoded in Presburger arithmetic
solutions are semi-linear sets



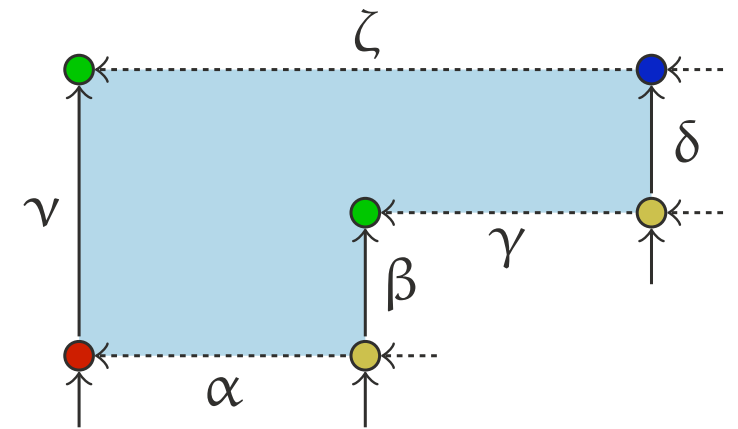
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We cheated!

We just checked for a closed loop.

We need to care about near particles

We need to care about particles crossing
= We need to check for polyomino!



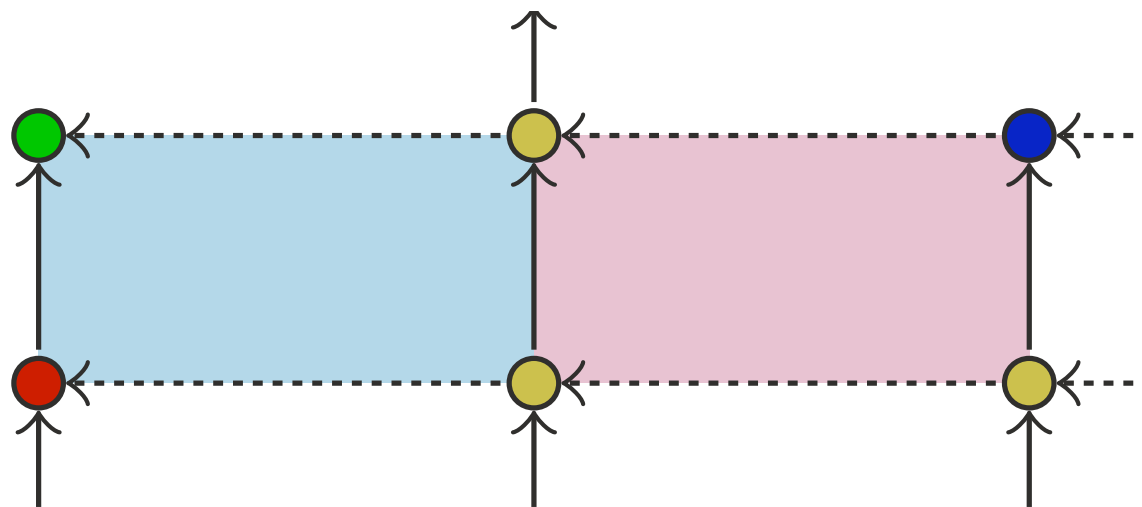
Encode the frontier of the polyomino over N, S, E, W

$$SSESE \cdot (SESE)^\alpha \cdot E \cdot (NN)^\beta \cdot NESE \cdot (SESE)^\gamma \dots$$

Encode lack of collision using Presburger arithmetic

$$\bigwedge_m \bigwedge_n \neg \exists i \exists j (i \in [1, \alpha_m] \wedge j \in [1, \beta_n] \wedge \varphi_m(i) = \varphi_n(j))$$

Combining faces



To solve combined faces, apply a synchronization product on the Presburger formulas:

$$\varphi(\alpha) \wedge \psi(\beta) \wedge \alpha = \beta$$

Solutions are still **semi-linear sets** (which admit finite encoding)

That's all

- Are there other constraints for finite bindings?
- Take care of infinite faces on the border
- And that's it!
- Allowed finite bindings are characterized.

Some questions

- How to describe the set of all finite bindings?
- How to characterize the complexity of this set?
- How to construct complex PaCo?



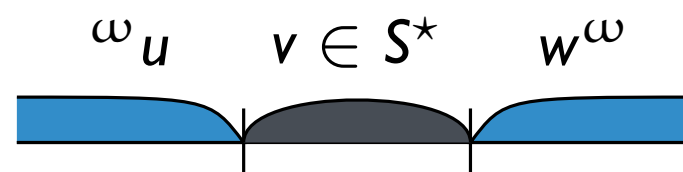
3 more questions

Backgrounds and particles

- Backgrounds are periodic configurations
- Particles are ult periodic configurations
- Collisions are transient phenomena

Ult periodic configurations

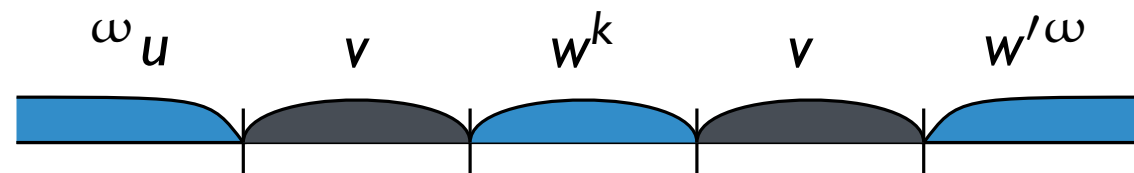
- Finite and periodic configurations are well studied (injectivity, surjectivity, etc)
- What can we say about 1D ult per conf?



- Study growth rate of the nonperiodic part

Combining ult per confs

- Put two ult per confs side by side



- What about the growth rate?
- How to describe the dynamic?
- limit set stable sublanguage?

the end