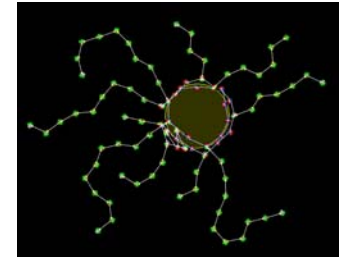




Embryomorphic engineering:



How elaborate, modular architectures
can be self-organized, too

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Systems that are self-organized and architected



free self-organization

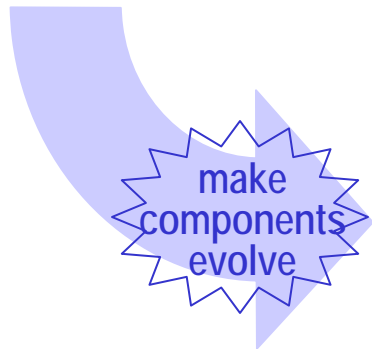
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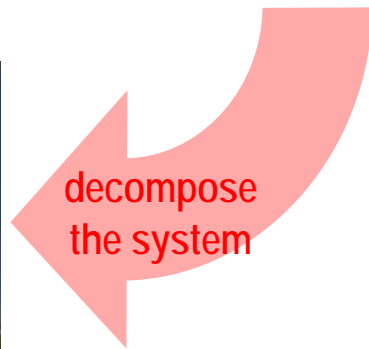
Peugeot Picasso

the engineering challenge of complicated systems: how can they integrate **self-organization**?

(evolutionary) design



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self-organized architecture / architected self-organization

Toward programmable self-organization

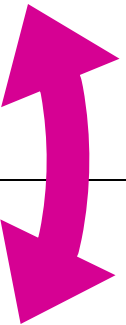
➤ Self-organized (complex) systems

- ✓ a myriad of self-positioning, self-assembling agents
- ✓ collective order is not imposed from outside (only influenced)
- ✓ comes from purely *local* information & interaction around each agent
- ✓ no agent possesses the global map or goal of the system
- ✓ but every agent may contain all the *rules* that contribute to it



➤ Structured systems

- ✓ true *architecture*: non-trivial, complicated morphology
 - *hierarchical*, multi-scale: regions, parts, details, agents
 - *modular*: reuse, quasi-repetition
 - *heterogeneous*: differentiation & divergence in the repetition
- ✓ *random* at the microscopic level, *but reproducible* (quasi deterministic) at the mesoscopic and macroscopic levels

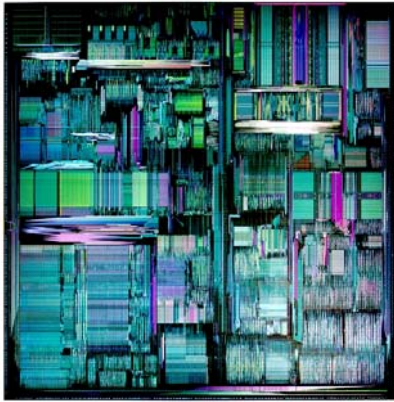


Facilitating evolutionary innovation by development

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De facto complexity of engineering (ICT) systems

- Ineluctable breakup into myriads of modules/components,
Desirable



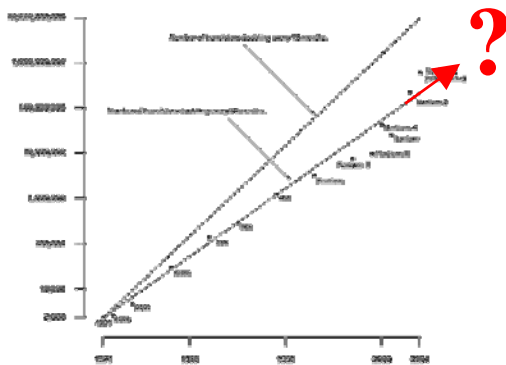
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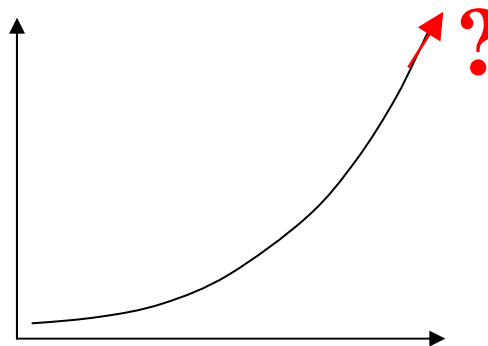
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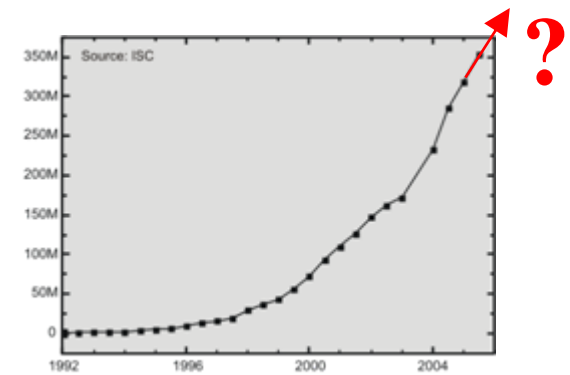
or networks, ...



number of transistors/year



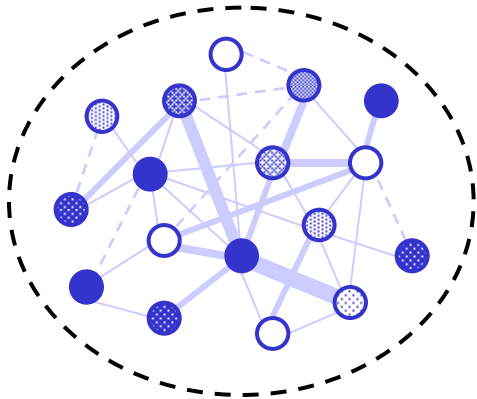
number of O/S lines of code/year



number of network hosts/year

Embracing complexity in design & design in complexity

➤ We are faced with complex systems in many domains



- large number of elementary **agents** interacting **locally**
- simple individual behaviors creating a complex **emergent** collective behavior
- *decentralized dynamics: no master blueprint or grand architect*

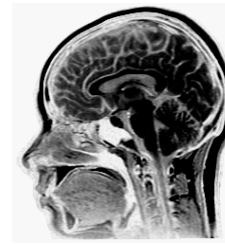
✓ **physical**, **biological**, **technical**, **social** systems (natural or artificial)



pattern
formation
○ = matter



biological
development
○ = cell

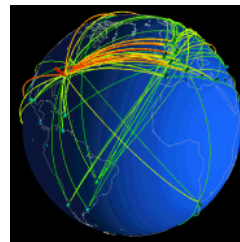


the brain
& cognition
○ = neuron

insect
colonies
○ = ant



Internet
& Web
○ = host/page

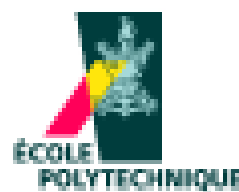


social
networks
○ = person





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Complex systems: a vast archipelago

➤ Precursor and neighboring disciplines

complexity: measuring the length to describe, time to build, or resources to run, a system

- information theory (Shannon; entropy)
- computational complexity (P, NP)
- Turing machines & cellular automata

adaptation: change in typical functional regime of a system

- evolutionary methods
- genetic algorithms
- machine learning

systems sciences: holistic (non-reductionist) view on interacting parts

- systems theory (von Bertalanffy)
- systems engineering (design)
- cybernetics (Wiener; goals & feedback)
- control theory (negative feedback)

→ *Toward a unified "complex systems" science*

dynamics: behavior and activity of a system over time

- nonlinear dynamics & chaos
- stochastic processes
- systems dynamics (macro variables)

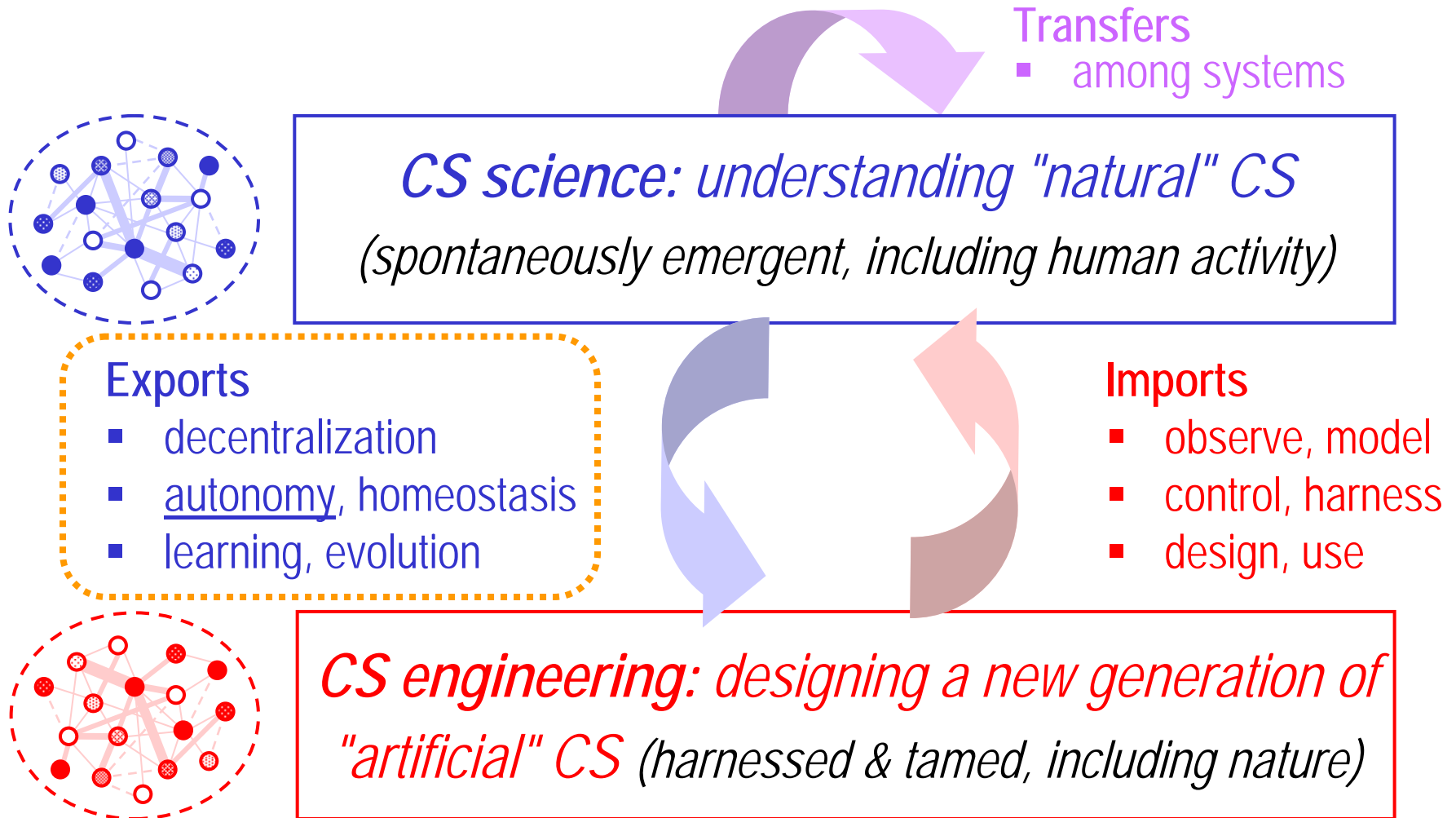
multitude: large-scale properties of systems

- graph theory & networks
- statistical physics
- agent-based modeling
- distributed AI systems

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From natural CS to designed CS (and back)

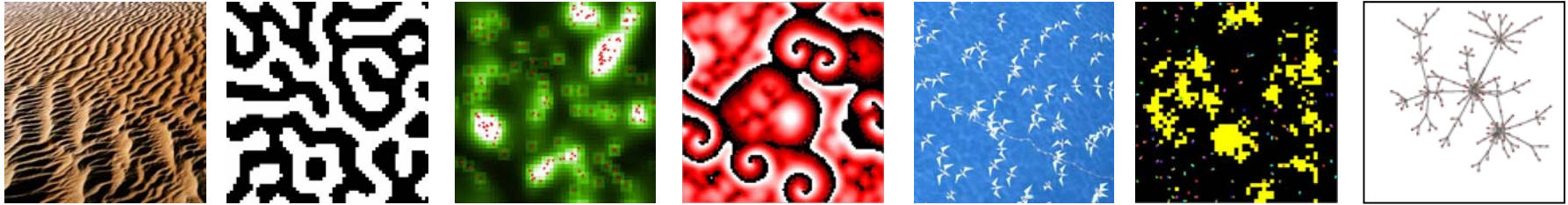
➤ The challenges of complex systems (CS) research



"Statistical" vs. "morphological" complex systems

(a) natural random
self-organization

✓ most self-organized systems form "simple" random patterns



more architecture

(b) natural
self-organized
architectures



natural

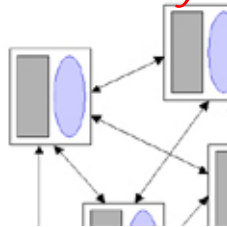
✓ the only natural emergent and structured forms are biological

→ can we reproduce them in artificial systems?

my research

(c) engineered
self-organization
(bottom-up)

?? ..



.. ??

artificial

more self-organization

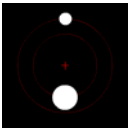


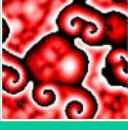


(d) direct
design
(top-down)



✓ while "complicated" architectures are designed by humans

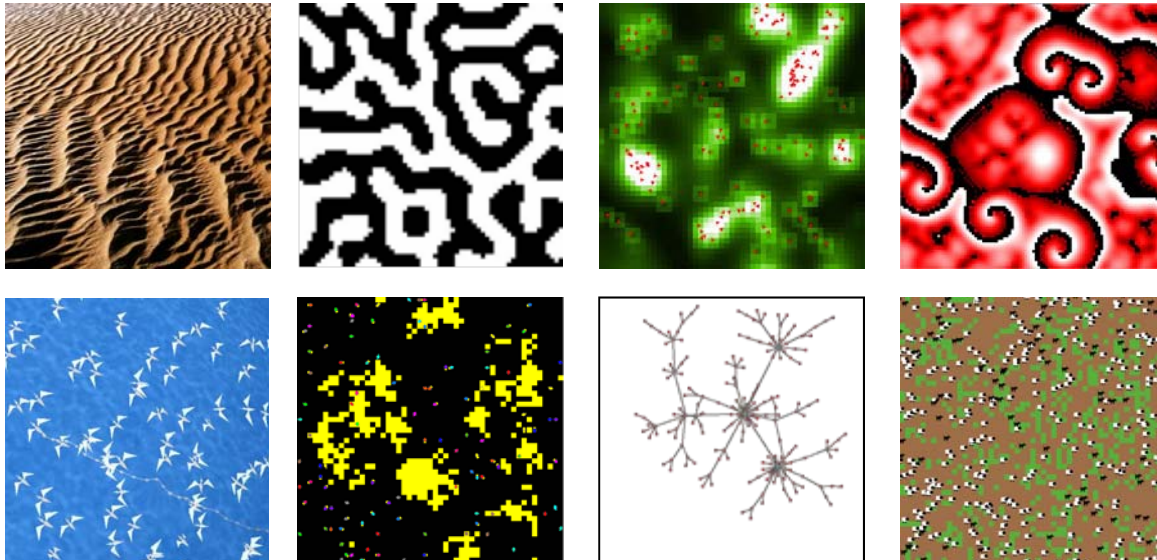
"Statistical" vs. "morphological" complex systems

➤ A brief taxonomy of systems

Category	<i>Agents / Parts</i>	<i>Local Rules</i>	<i>Emergent Behavior</i>	<i>A "Complex System"?</i>
 2-body problem	<i>few</i>	<i>simple</i>	<i>simple</i>	<i>NO</i>
 3-body problem, low-D chaos	<i>few</i>	<i>simple</i>	<i>complex</i>	<i>NO – too small</i>
 crystal, gas	<i>many</i>	<i>simple</i>	<i>simple</i>	<i>NO – few params suffice to describe it</i>
(a)  patterns, swarms, complex networks	<i>many</i>	<i>simple</i>	<i>"complex"</i>	<i>YES – but mostly random and uniform</i>
(b)  structured morphogenesis	<i>many</i>	<i>sophisticated</i>	<i>complex</i>	<i>YES – reproducible and heterogeneous</i>
(c)				
(d)  machines, crowds with leaders	<i>many</i>	<i>sophisticated</i>	<i>"simple"</i>	<i>COMPLICATED – not self-organized</i>

(a) Statistical (self-similar) systems

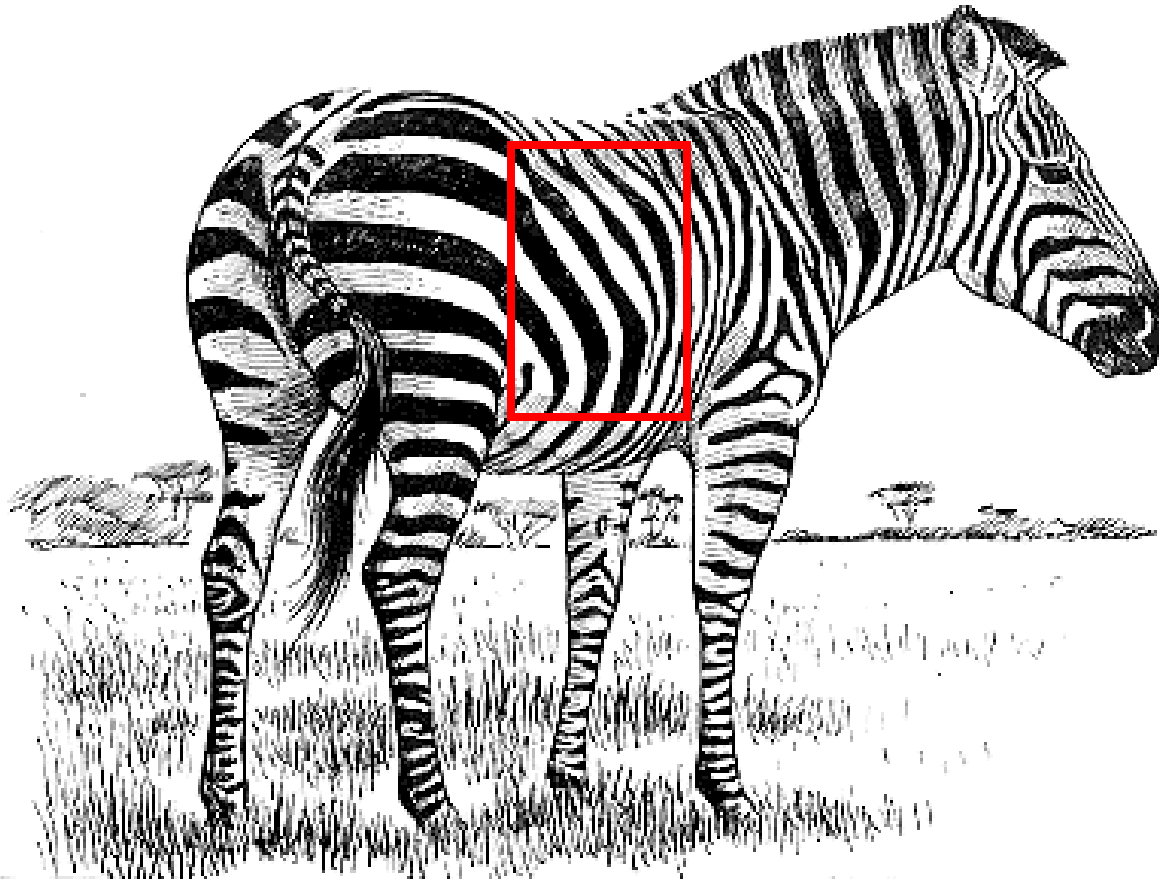
- Many agents, simple rules, “complex” emergent behavior
 - the “clichés” of complex systems: diversity of pattern formation (spots, stripes), swarms (clusters, flocks), complex networks, etc.



- ✓ yet, often like “textures”: repetitive, statistically *uniform*, information-poor
- ✓ spontaneous order arising from amplification of *random* fluctuations
- ✓ *unpredictable* number and position of mesoscopic entities (spots, groups)

(b) Morphological (self-dissimilar) systems

compositional systems: pattern formation \neq morphogenesis



*"I have the stripes, but where is the zebra?" OR
"The stripes are easy, it's the horse part that troubles me"*

—attributed to A. Turing, after his 1952 paper on morphogenesis

(b) Morphological (self-dissimilar) systems

➤ Many agents, sophisticated rules, complex emergence

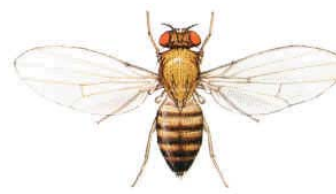
→ *natural ex: organisms (cells)*



plants



vertebrates



arthropods



humans

- ✓ mesoscopic organs and limbs have intricate, *nonrandom* morphologies
- ✓ development is highly *reproducible* in number and position of body parts
- ✓ *heterogeneous* elements arise under information-rich genetic control

➤ Biological organisms are self-organized and structured

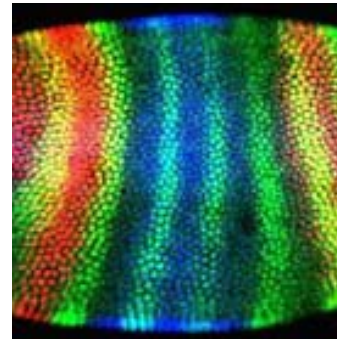
- ✓ because the pieces of the puzzle (agent rules) are more “sophisticated” (than inert matter): depend on agent’s *type* and/or *position* in the system
- ✓ the outcome (development) is truly complex but, paradoxically, can also be more *controllable* and *programmable*

Statistical vs. morphological systems

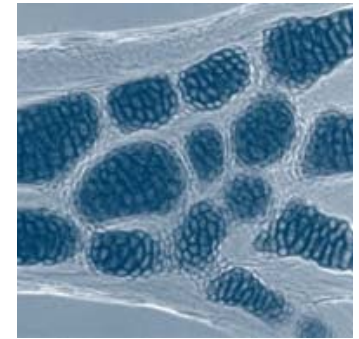
- Physical pattern formation is “free” –
Biological (multicellular) pattern formation is “guided”



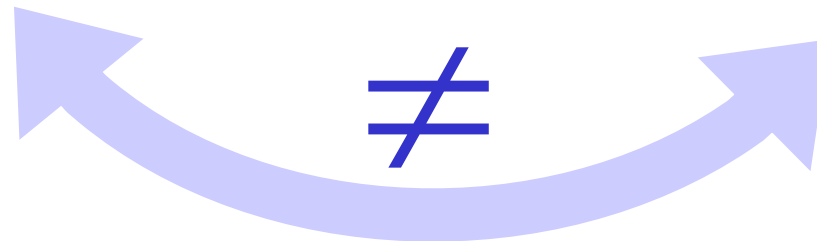
reaction-diffusion
with NetLogo



fruit fly embryo
Sean Carroll, U of Wisconsin



larval axolotl limb
condensations
Gerd B. Müller



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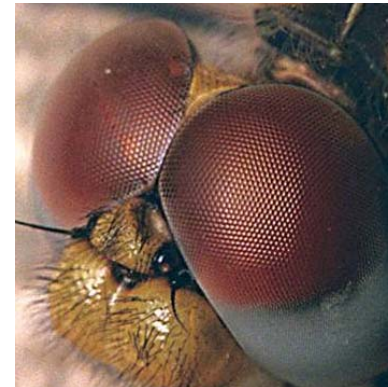
➤ Multicellular forms = a bit of “free” + a lot of “guided”

- ✓ domains of free patterning embedded in a guided morphology

unlike *Drosophila*'s stripes, these pattern primitives are *not* regulated by different sets of genes depending on their position



spots, stripes in skin
angelfish, www.sheddaquarium.org



ommatidia in compound eye
dragonfly, www.phy.duke.edu/~hsg/54

- ✓ repeated copies of a guided form, distributed in free patterns

entire structures (flowers, segments) can become modules showing up in random positions and/or numbers



flowers in tree
cherry tree, www.phy.duke.edu/~fortney

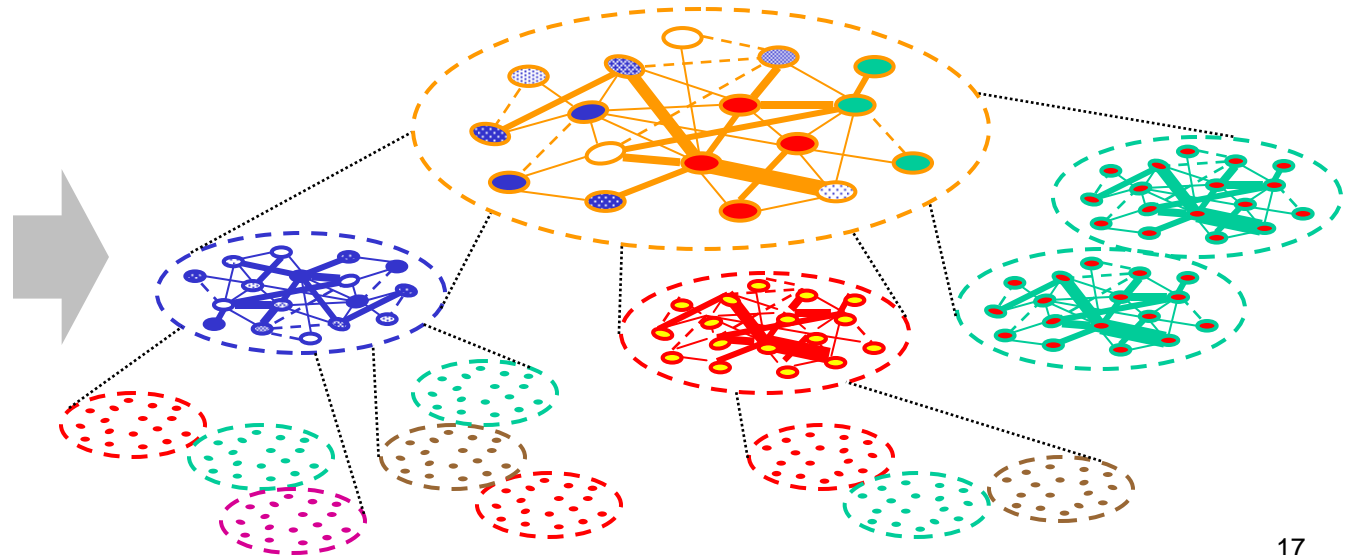


segments in insect
centipede, images.encarta.msn.com

Beyond statistics: heterogeneity, modularity, reproducibility

➤ Complex systems can be much more than a “soup”

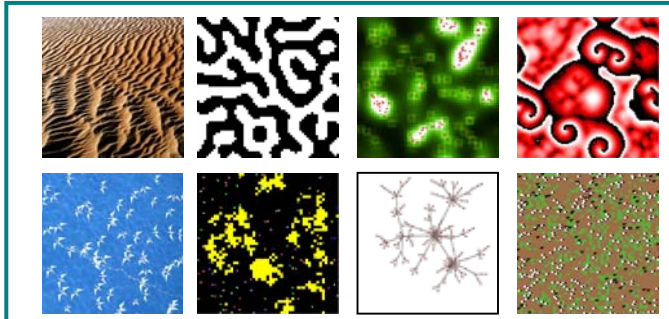
- ✓ “complex” doesn’t necessarily imply “homogeneous”...
→ *heterogeneous agents and diverse patterns, via positions*
- ✓ “complex” doesn’t necessarily imply “flat” (or “scale-free”)...
→ *modular, hierarchical, detailed architecture (at specific scales)*
- ✓ “complex” doesn’t necessarily imply “random”...
→ *reproducible patterns relying on programmable agents*



From natural CS to designed CS

➤ Transfer from morphological to technological systems

statistical systems

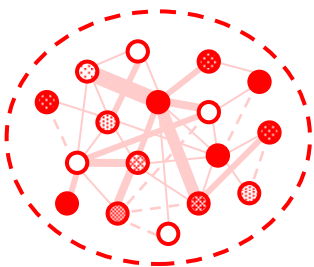


- uniform
- random
- unpredictable details

morphological systems



- heterogeneous
- programmable
- reproducible

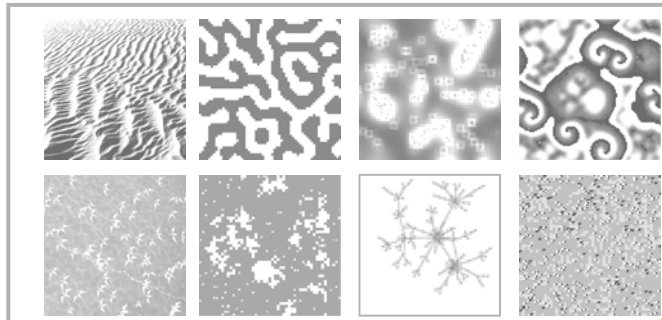


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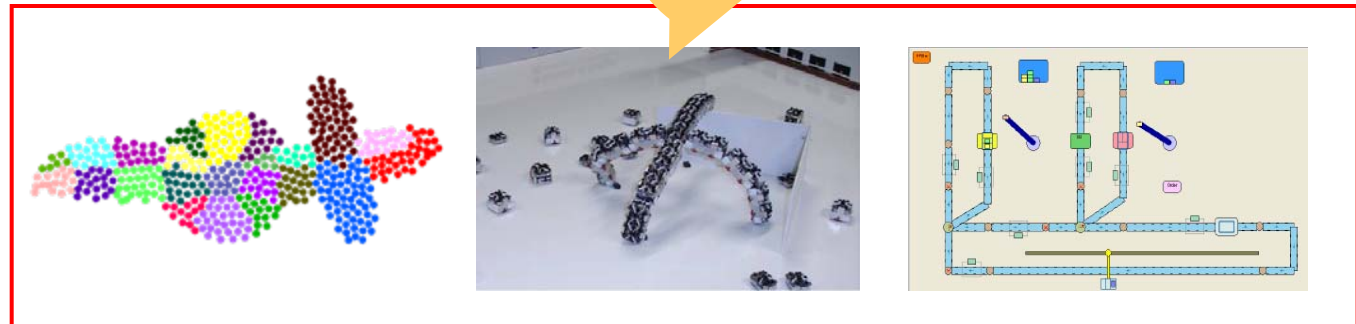
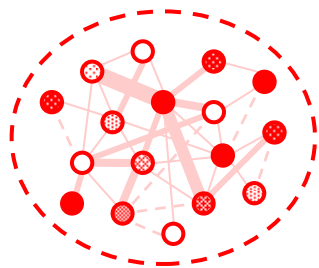
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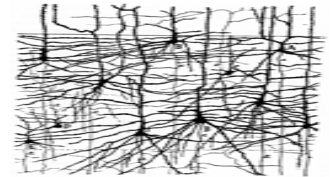
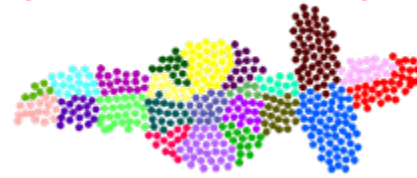
amorphous/spatial computing, autonomic networks, modular/swarm robotics, programmable matter

The need for morphogenetic abilities

➤ Self-architecturing in natural systems → artificial systems

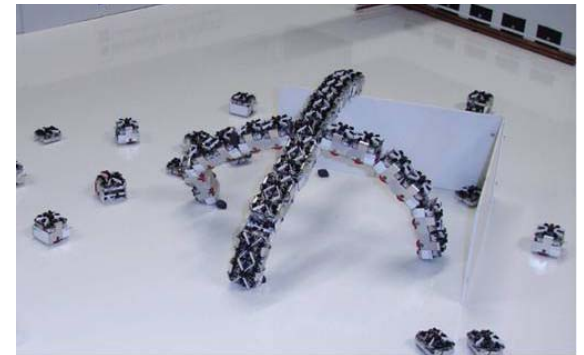
✓ morphogenetic abilities in biological modeling

- organism development
- brain development



✓ need for morphogenetic abilities in computer science & AI

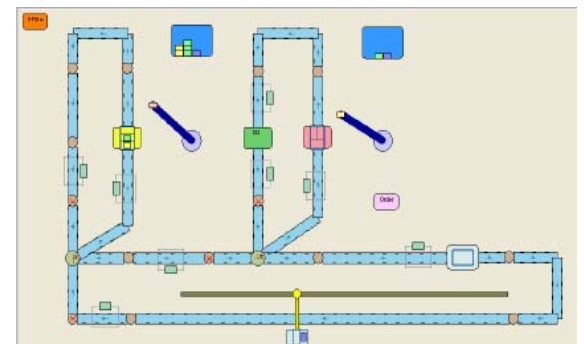
- self-forming robot swarm
- self-architecturing software
- self-connecting micro-components



<http://www.symbrion.eu>

✓ need for morphogenetic abilities in techno-social networked systems

- self-reconfiguring manufacturing plant
- self-stabilizing energy grid
- self-deploying emergency taskforce



MAST agents, Rockwell Automation Research Center
{pvrba, vmarik}@ra.rockwell.com

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Overview of morphogenesis

➤ An abstract computational approach to development



- ✓ as a fundamentally *spatial* phenomenon
- ✓ highlighting its *broad principles* and proposing a *computational* model of these principles

➤ Broad principles



1. *biomechanics* → collective motion → "sculpture" of the embryo
 2. *gene regulation* → gene expression patterns → "painting" of the embryo
- + *coupling* between *shapes* and *colors*

➤ Multi-agent models



- ✓ best positioned to integrate both
- ✓ account for heterogeneity, modularity, hierarchy
- ✓ each agent carries a combined set of *biomechanical* and *regulatory* rules

Morphogenesis couples **assembly** and **patterning**

➤ Sculpture → forms

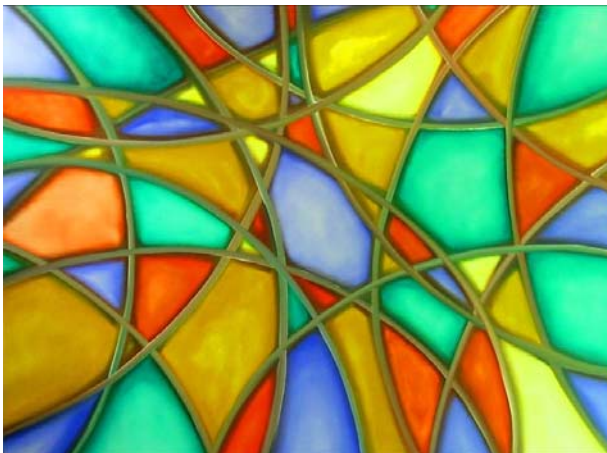
Ádám Szabó, *The chicken or the egg* (2005)
<http://www.szaboadam.hu>



"shape from patterning"

- ✓ the **forms** are "sculpted" by the self-assembly of the elements, whose behavior is triggered by the **colors**

➤ Painting → colors



"patterns from shaping"

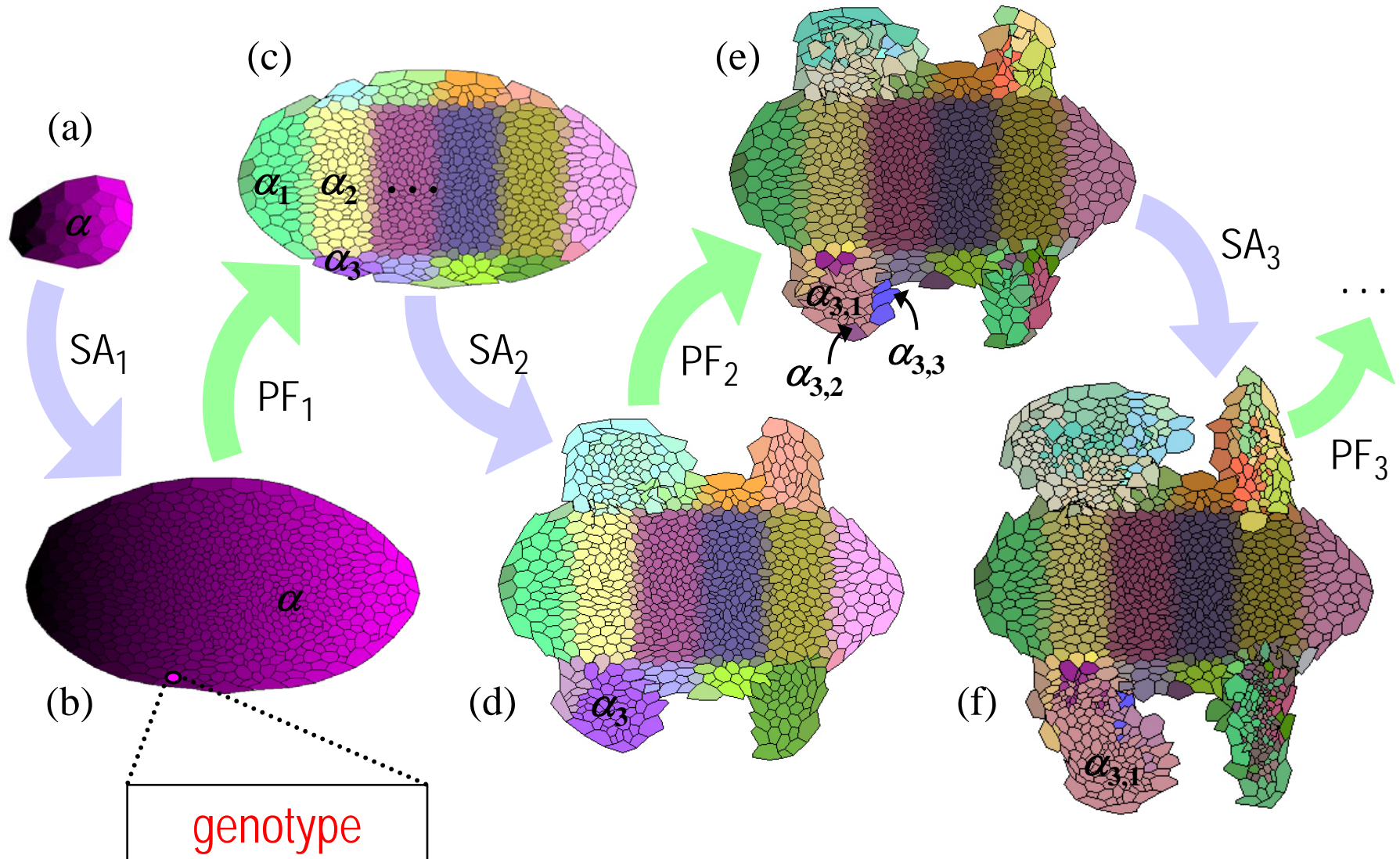
- ✓ new **color** regions appear (domains of genetic expression) triggered by **deformations**



Morphogenesis couples **assembly** and **patterning**

SA = self-assembly ("sculpture")

PF = pattern formation ("painting")

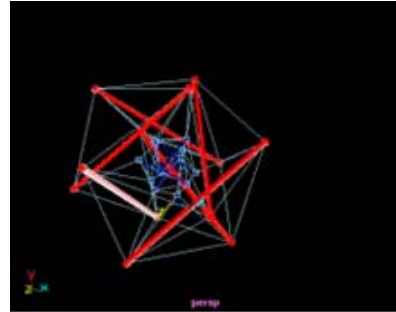


Morphogenesis couples **mechanics** and **regulation**

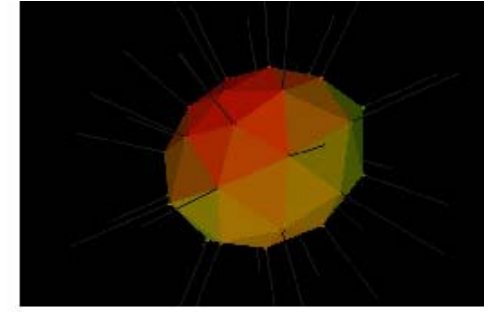
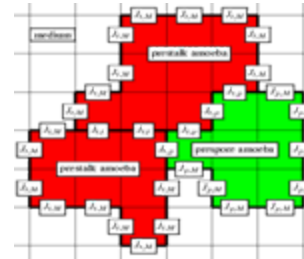
➤ Cellular mechanics

- ✓ adhesion
- ✓ deformation / reformation
- ✓ migration (motility)
- ✓ division / death

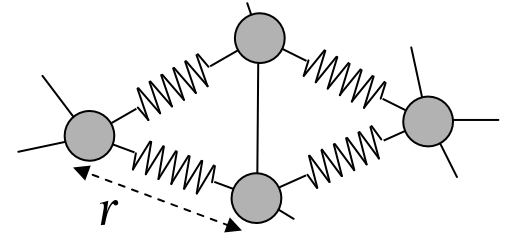
tensional integrity (Ingber)



cellular Potts model
(Graner, Glazier, Hogeweg)

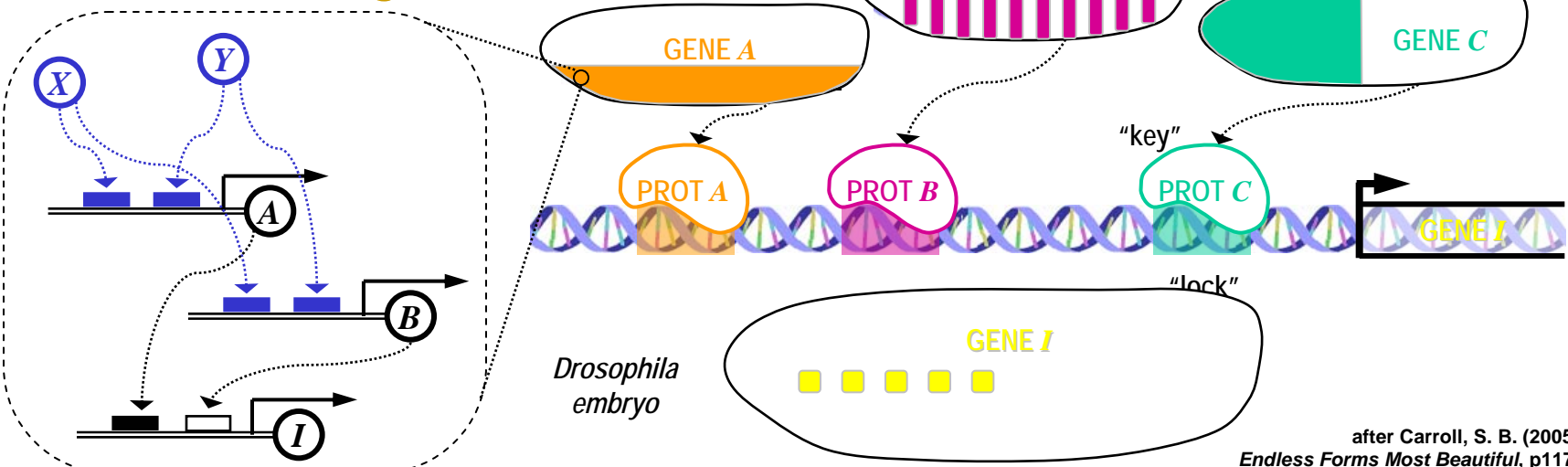


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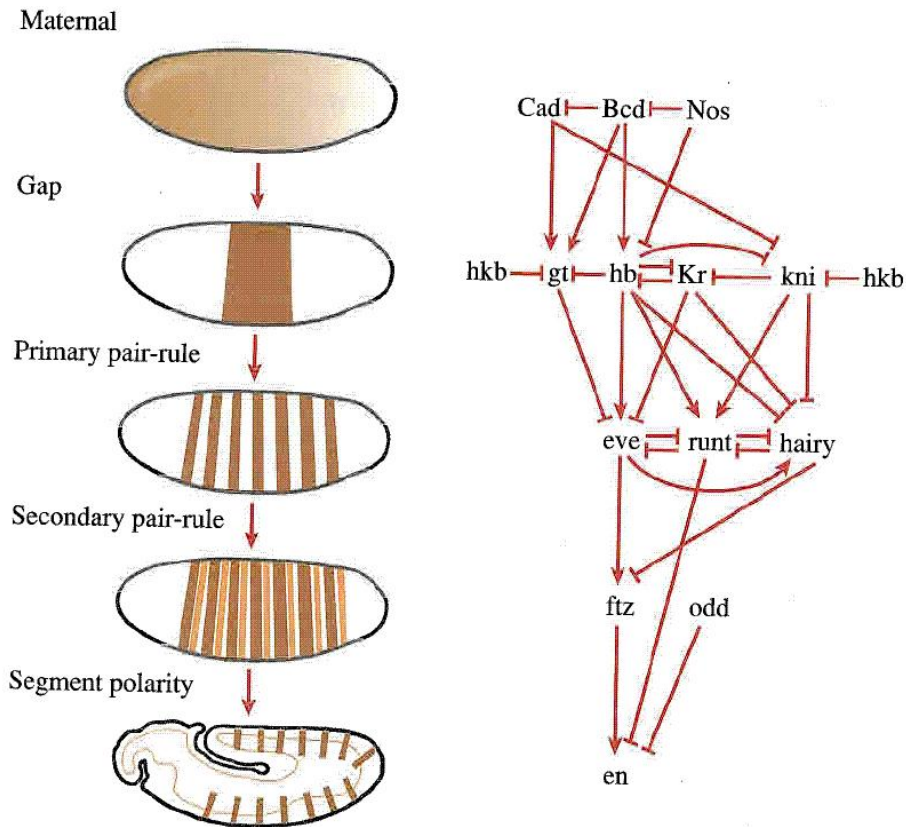
➤ Genetic regulation



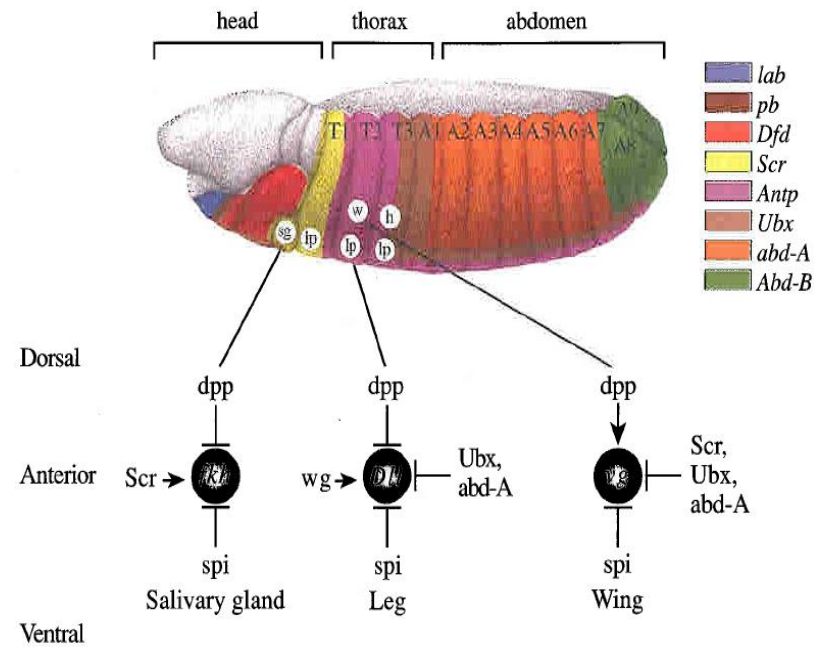
Gene regulatory pattern formation

➤ Segmentation & identity domains in *Drosophila*

- ✓ periodic A/P band patterns are controlled by a 5-tier gene regulatory hierarchy



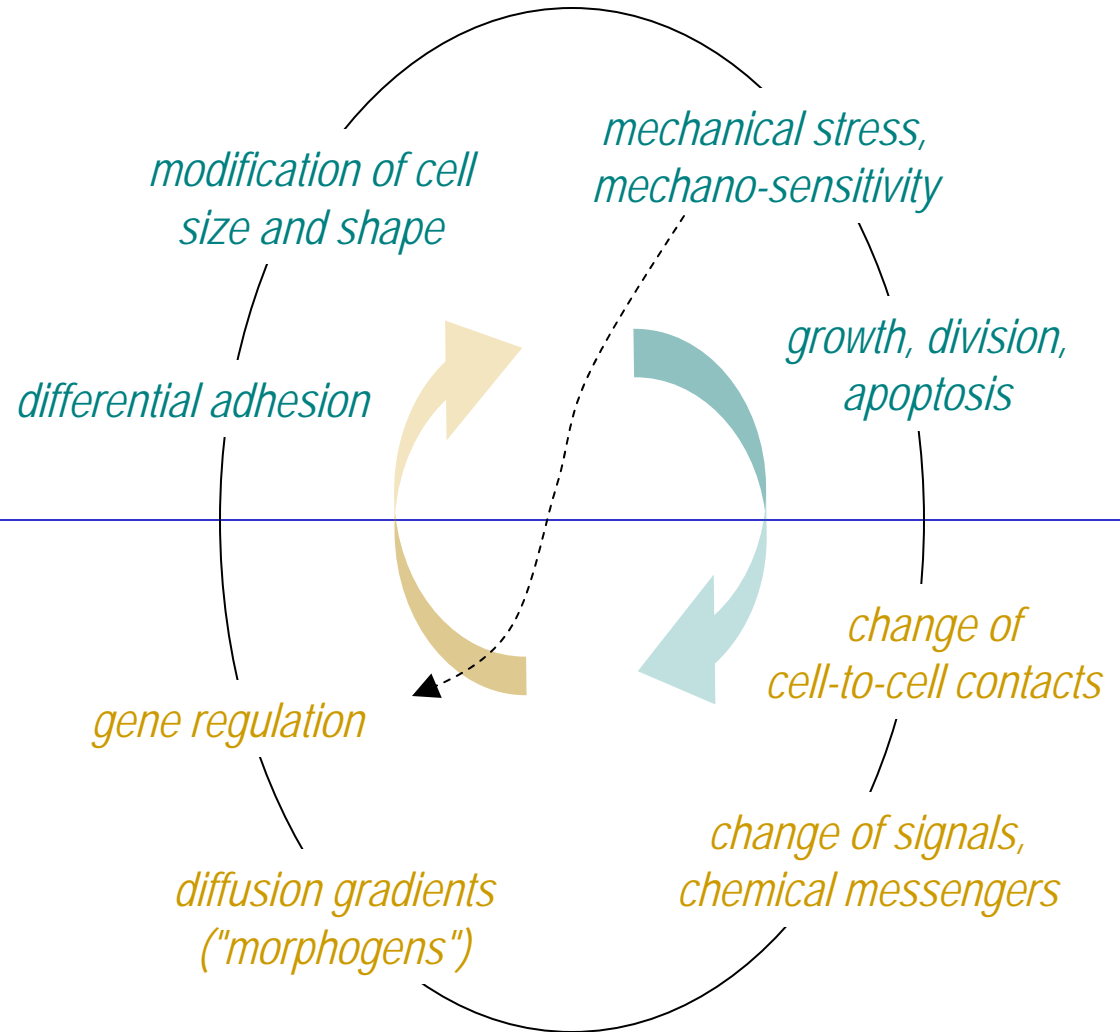
- ✓ intersection with other axes creates organ primordia and imaginal discs (identity domains of future legs, wings, antennae, etc.)



from Carroll, S. B., et al. (2001)
From DNA to Diversity, p63

Morphogenesis couples **mechanics** and **regulation**

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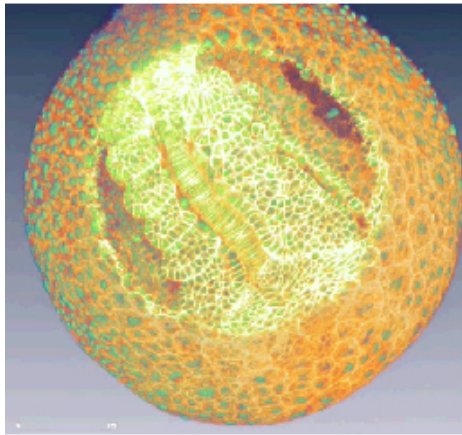


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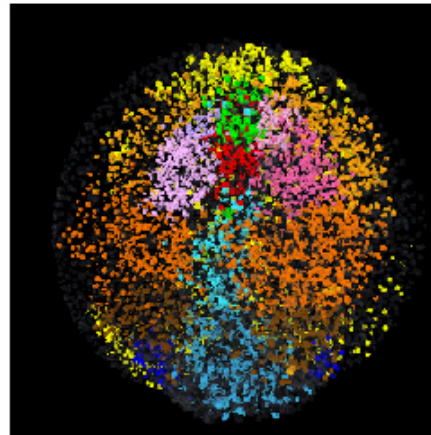
Morphogenesis couples motion and patterns

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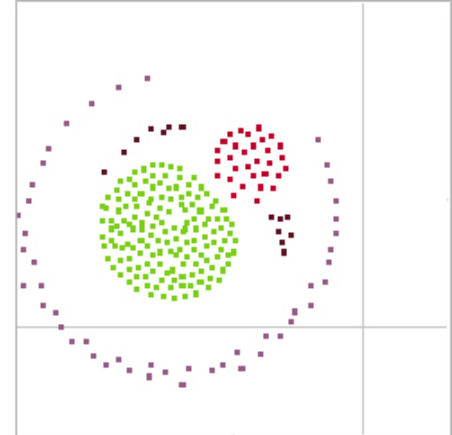
Collective motion regionalized into patterns



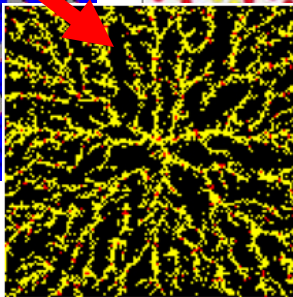
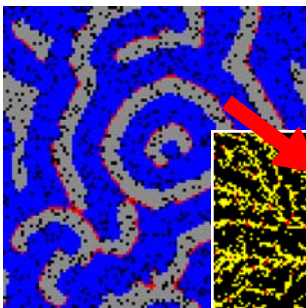
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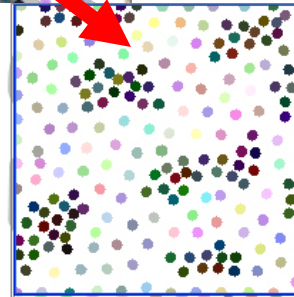
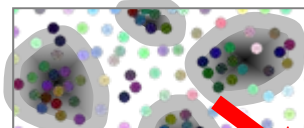
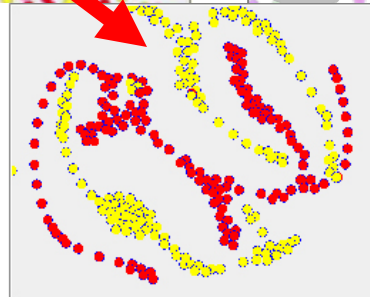
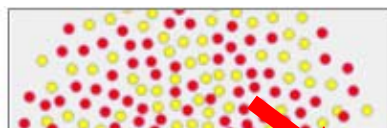
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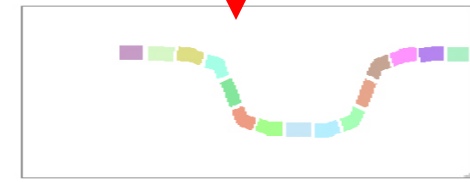
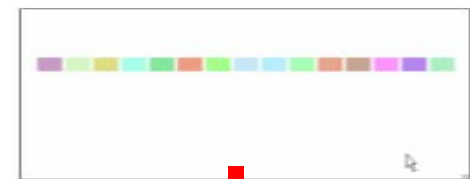
Pattern formation that triggers motion



<http://zool33.uni-graz.at/schmickl>



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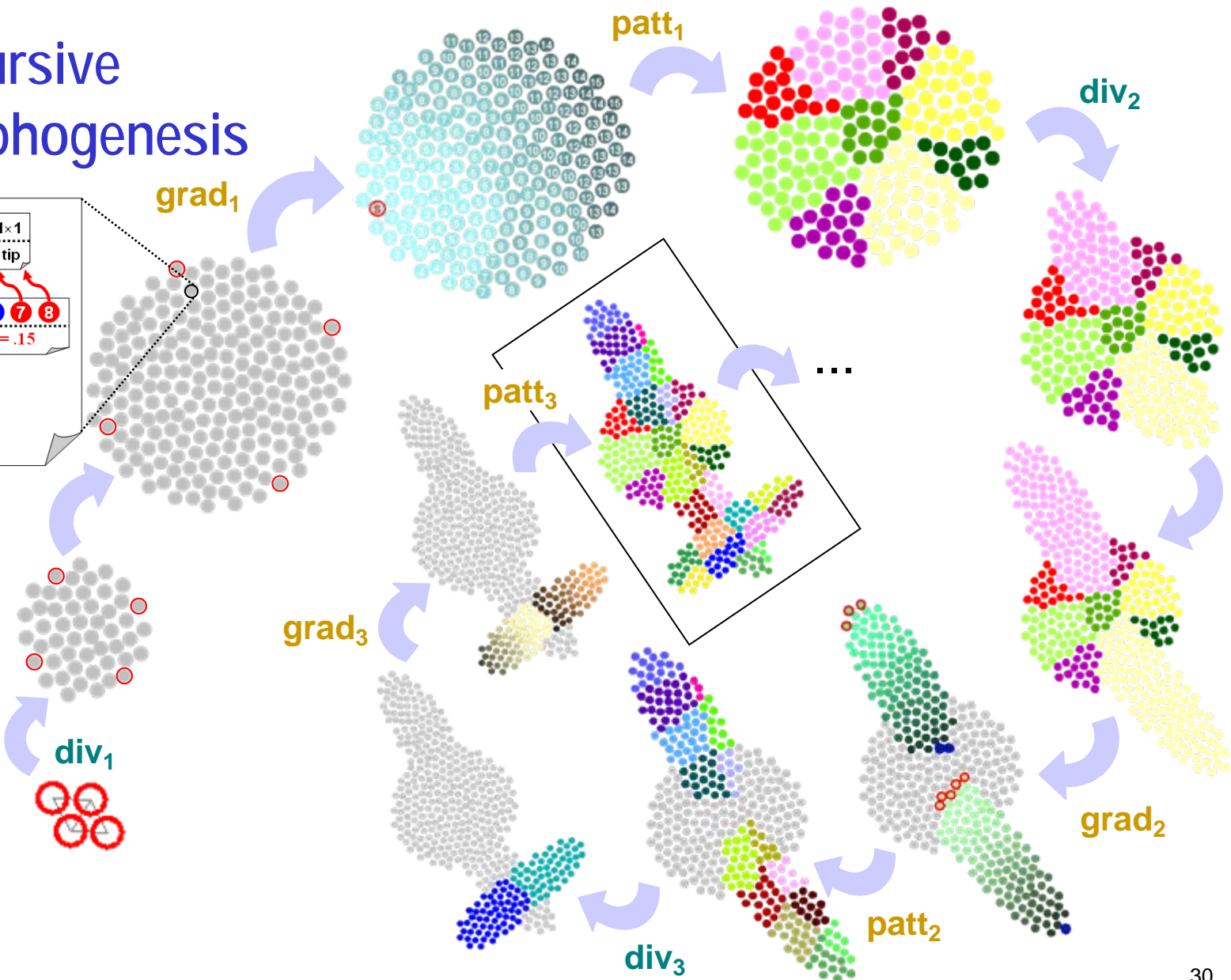
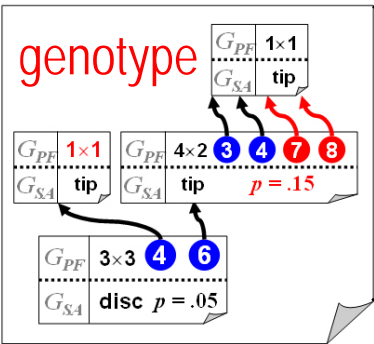


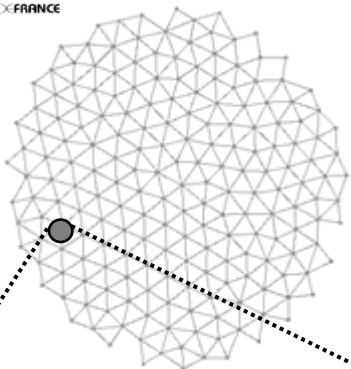
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Overview of an embryomorphing system

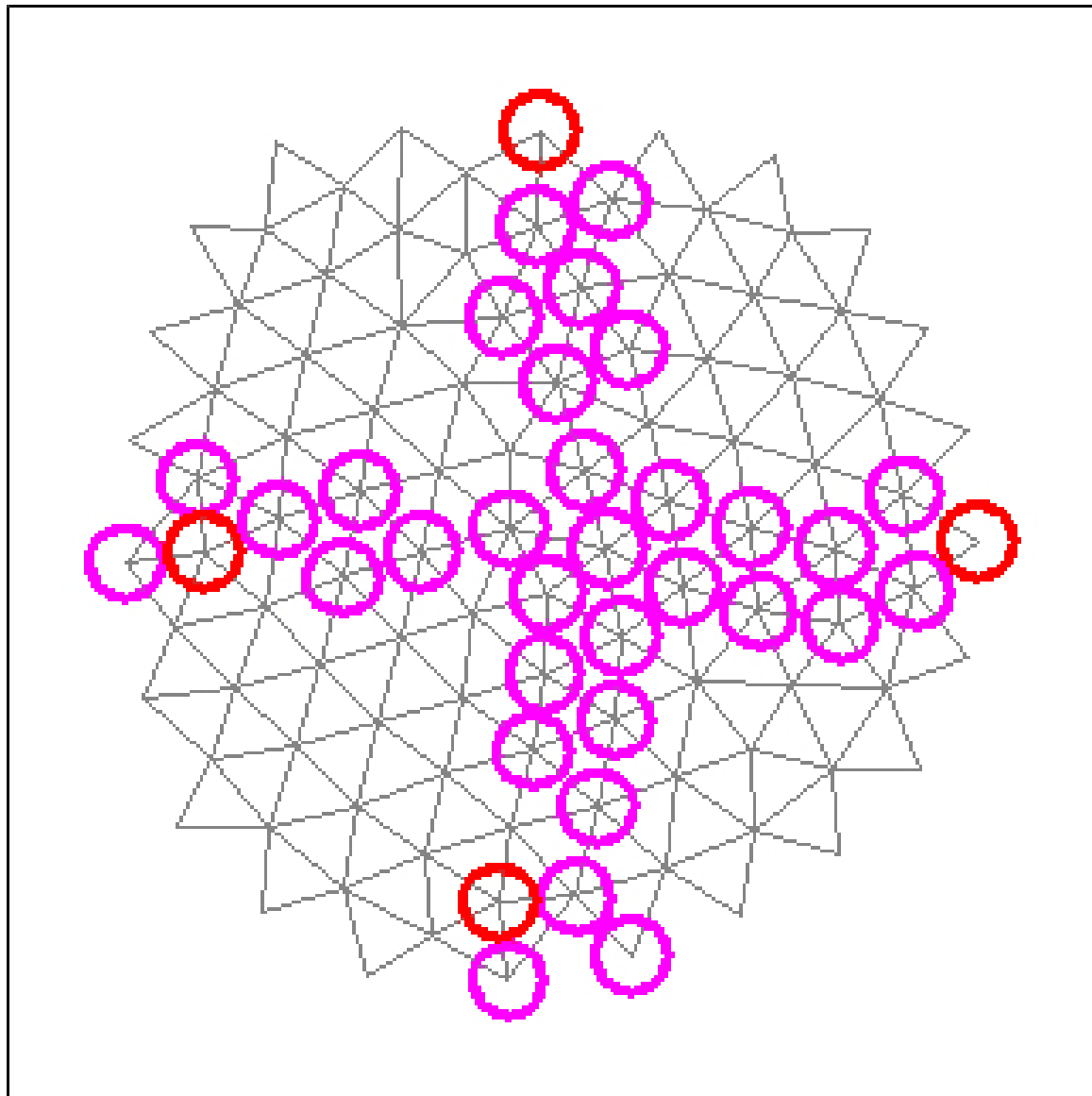
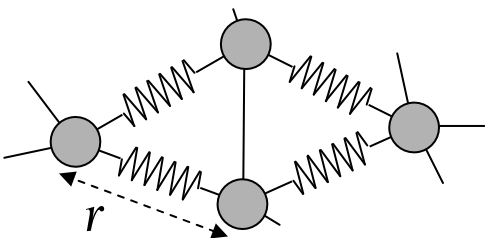
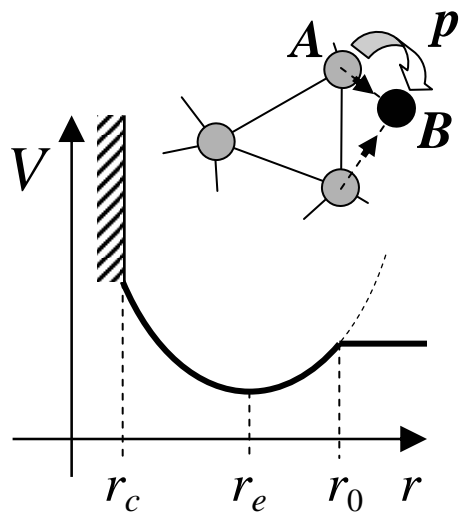
➤ Recursive morphogenesis



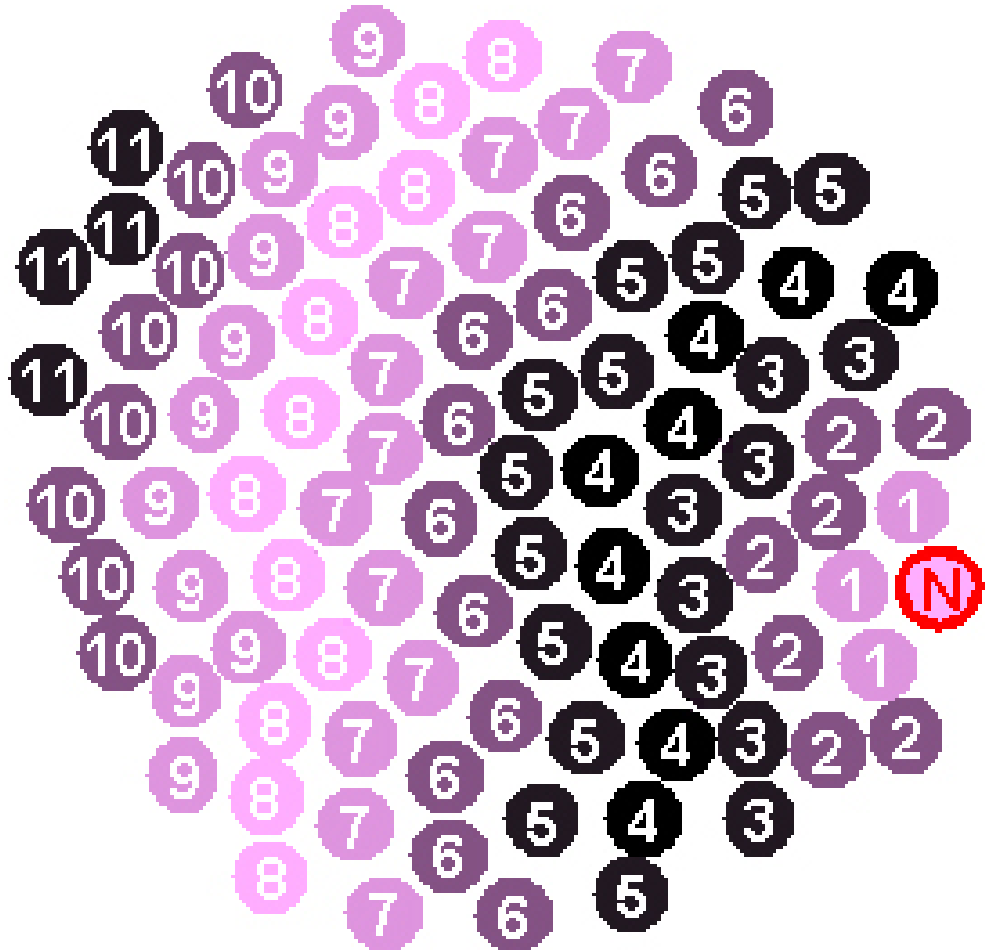
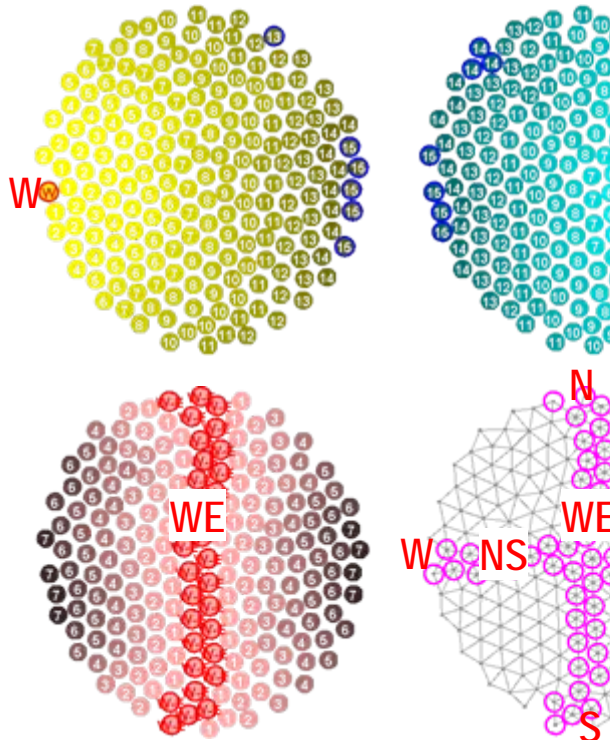


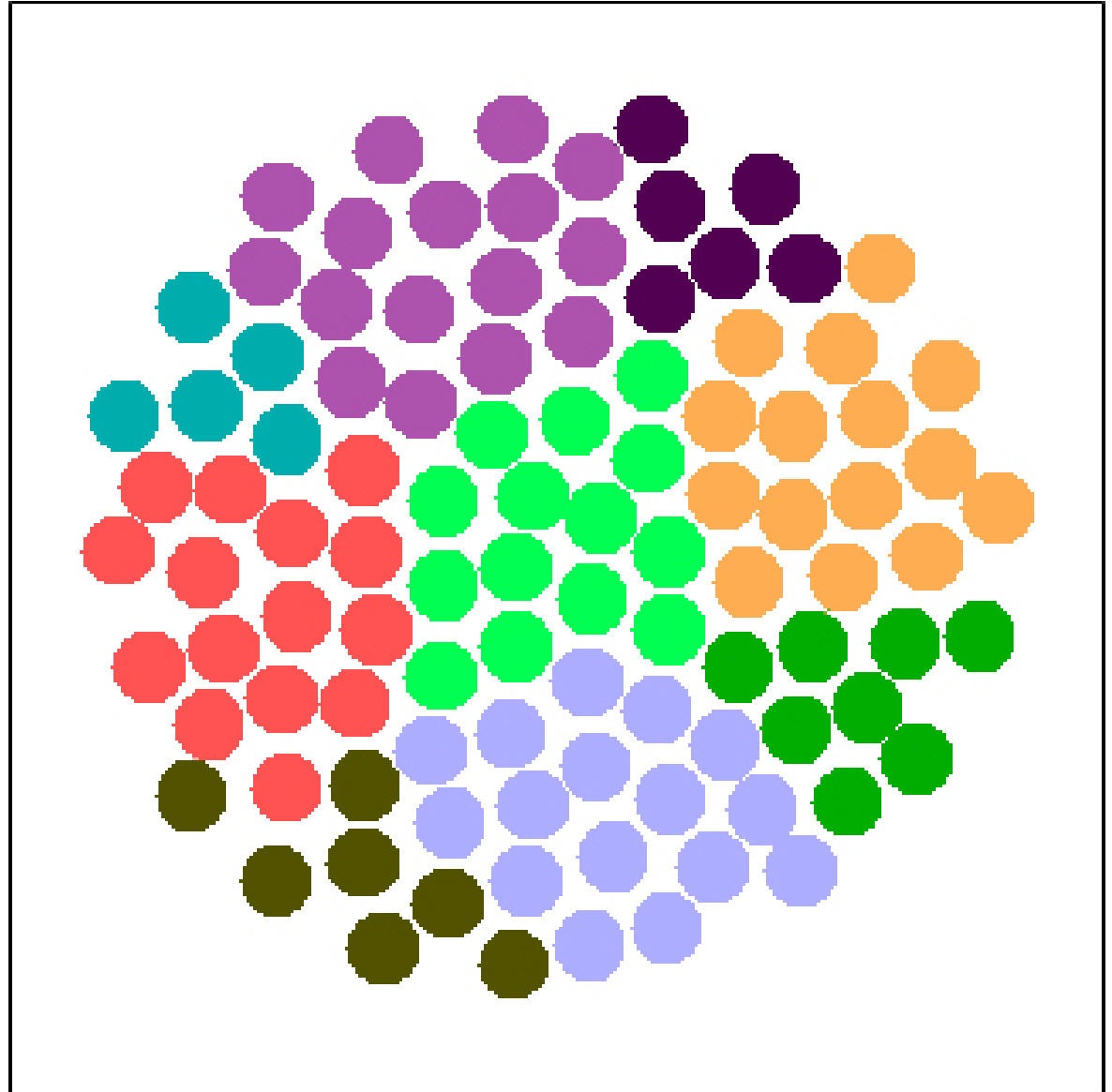
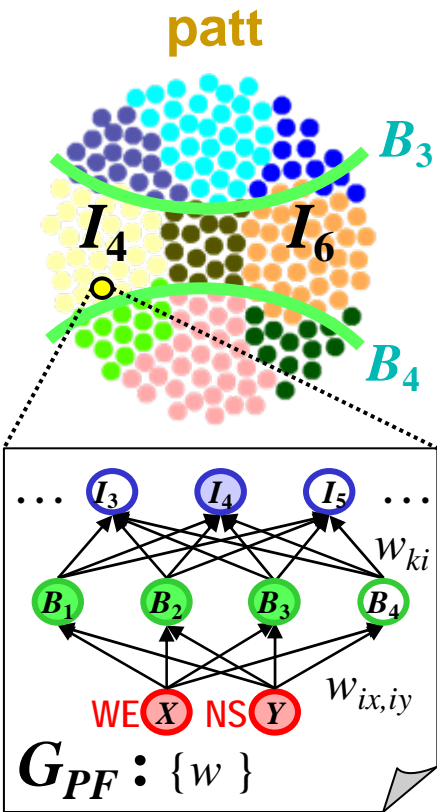
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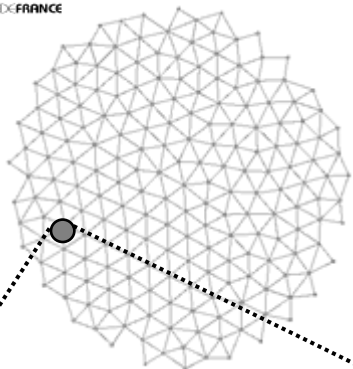
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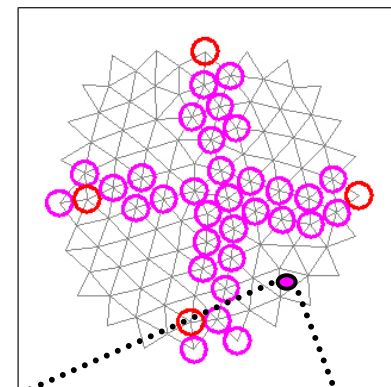
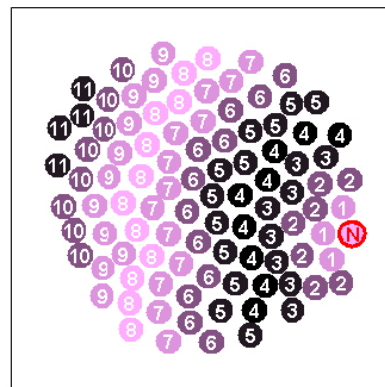
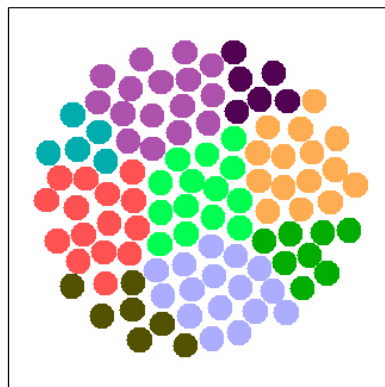
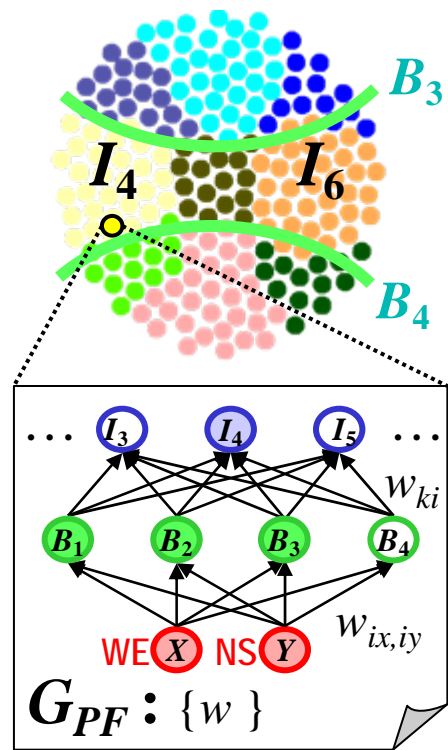
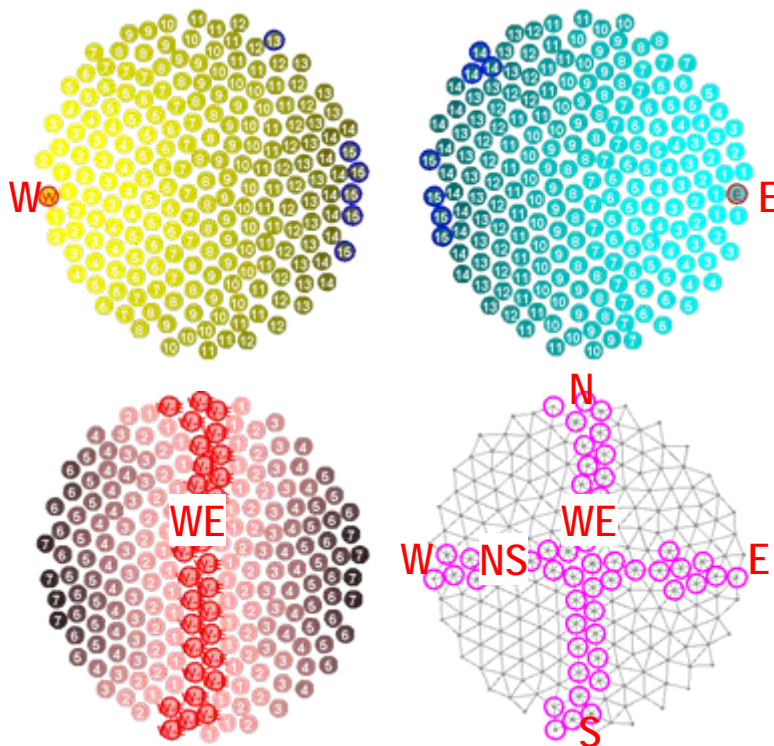
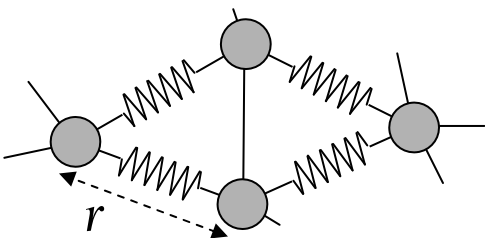
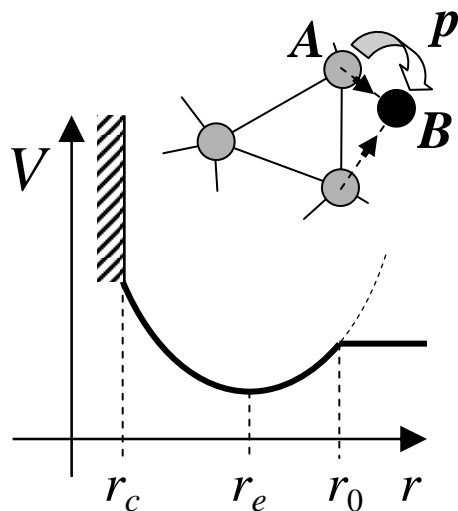






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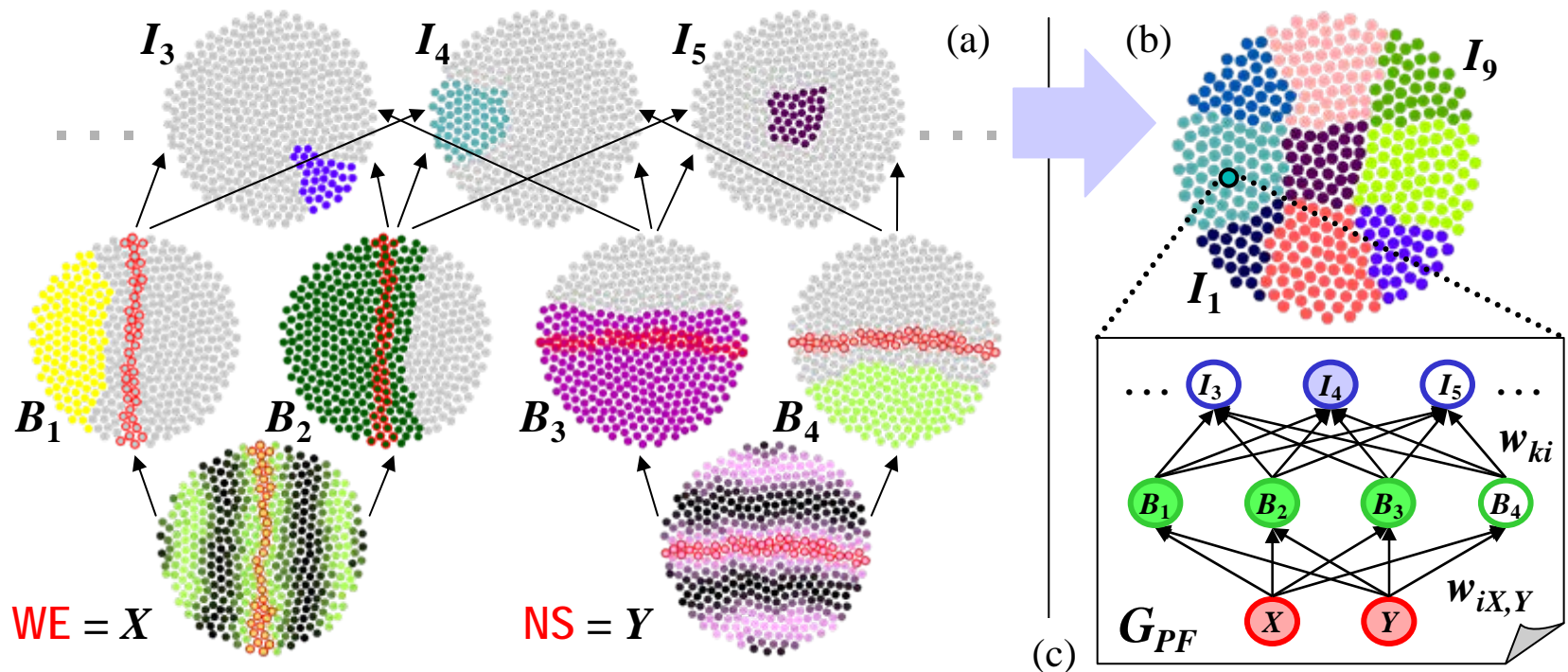
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$$G_{SA} \cup G_{PF}$$

Virtual gene atlas

- **Programmed patterning (patt): the hidden embryo map**
 - a) same swarm in different colormaps to visualize the agents' internal patterning variables X , Y , B_i and I_k (virtual *in situ hybridization*)
 - b) consolidated view of all identity regions I_k for $k = 1 \dots 9$
 - c) gene regulatory network used by each agent to calculate its expression levels, here: $B_1 = \sigma(1/3 - X)$, $B_3 = \sigma(2/3 - Y)$, $I_4 = B_1 B_3 (1 - B_4)$, etc.



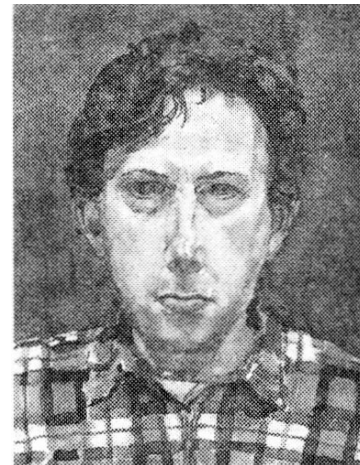
Hierarchical morphogenesis

➤ Morphological refinement by iterative growth

- ✓ details are not created in one shot, but gradually added. . .

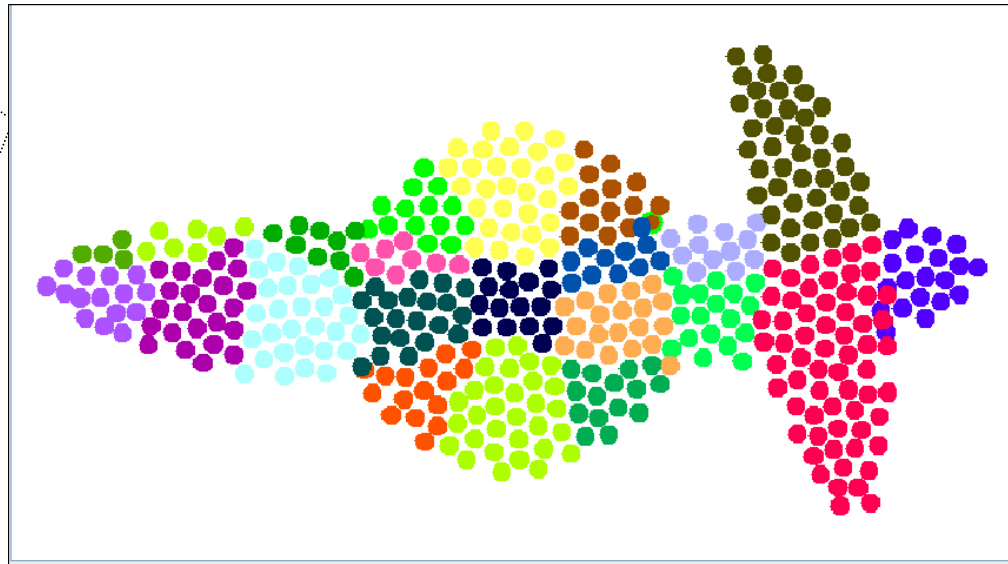
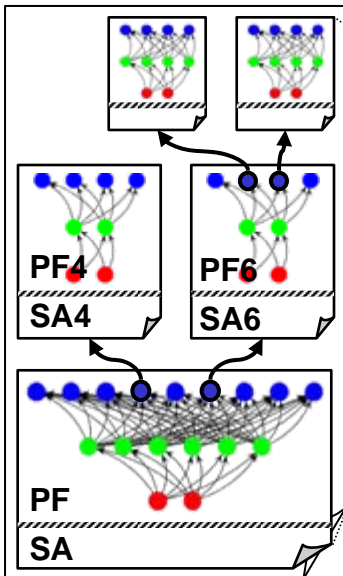
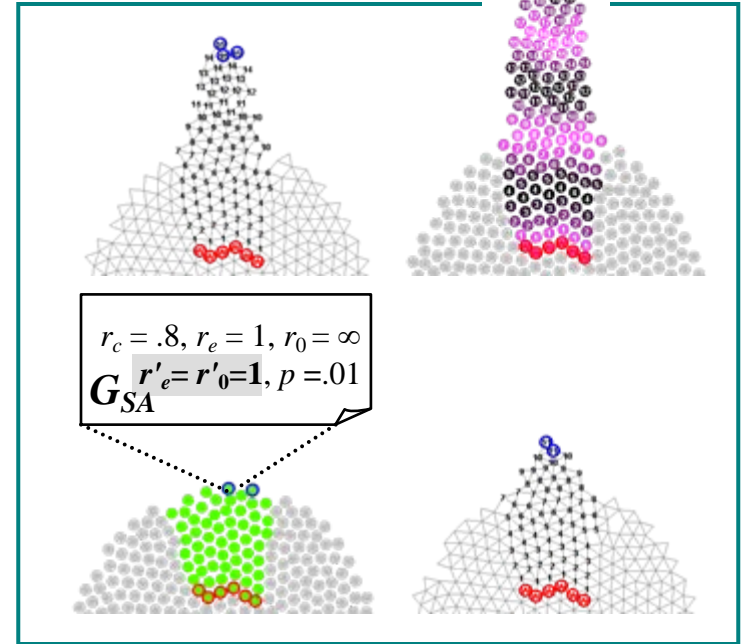
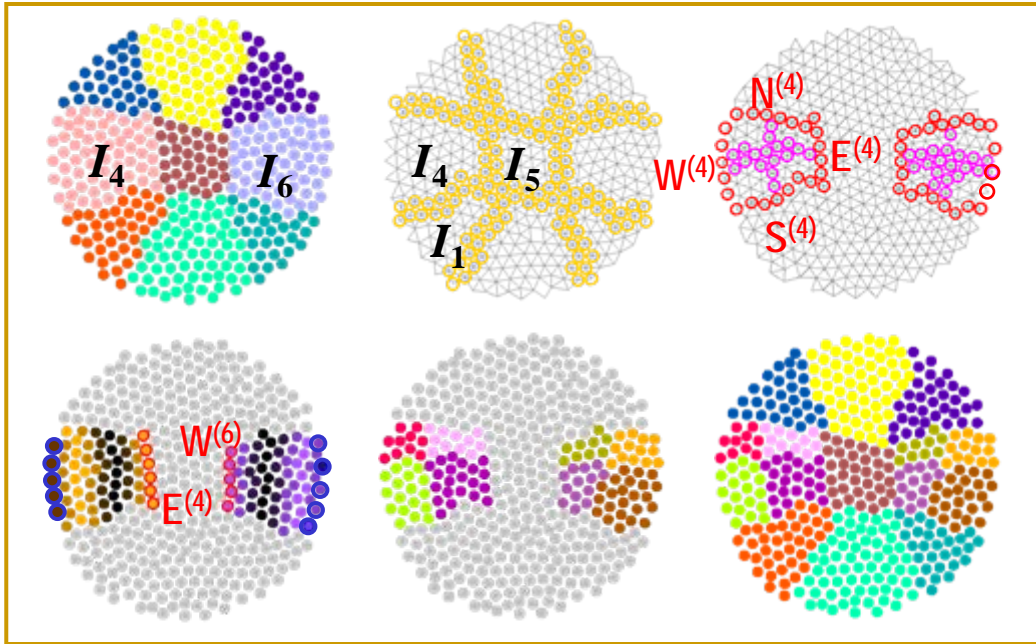


- ✓ . . . while, at the same time, the canvas grows

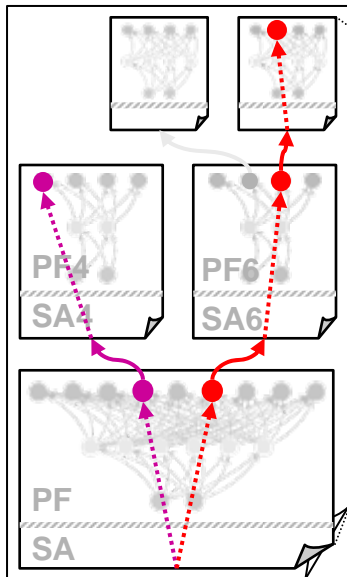
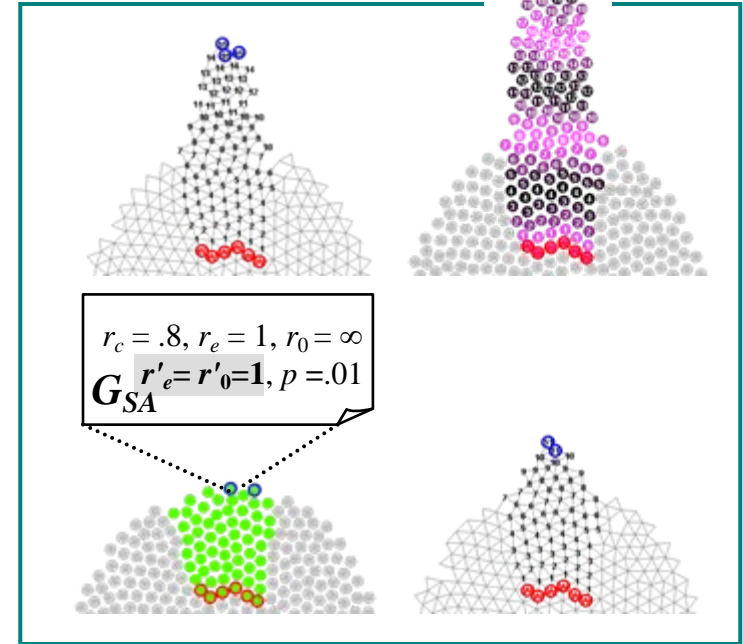
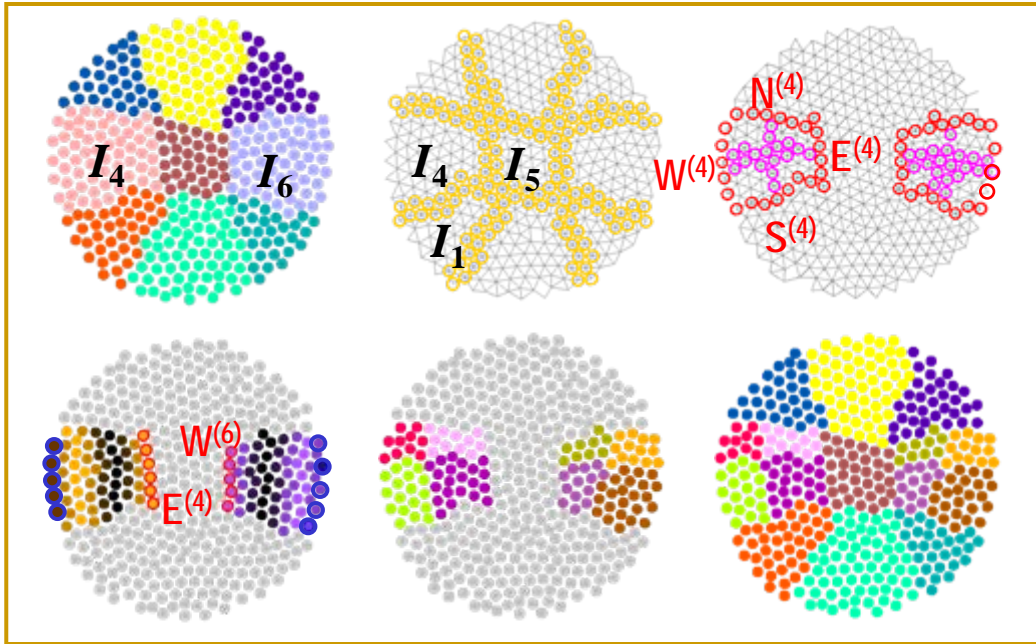


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The Art of Genes, pp131-135

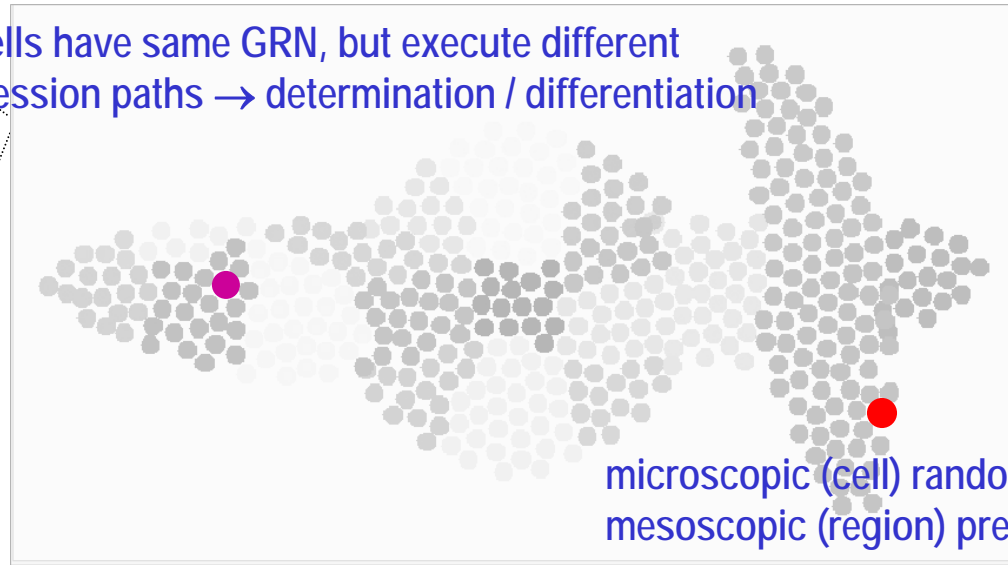
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Hierarchical embryogenesis



all cells have same GRN, but execute different expression paths → determination / differentiation



microscopic (cell) randomness, but mesoscopic (region) predictability

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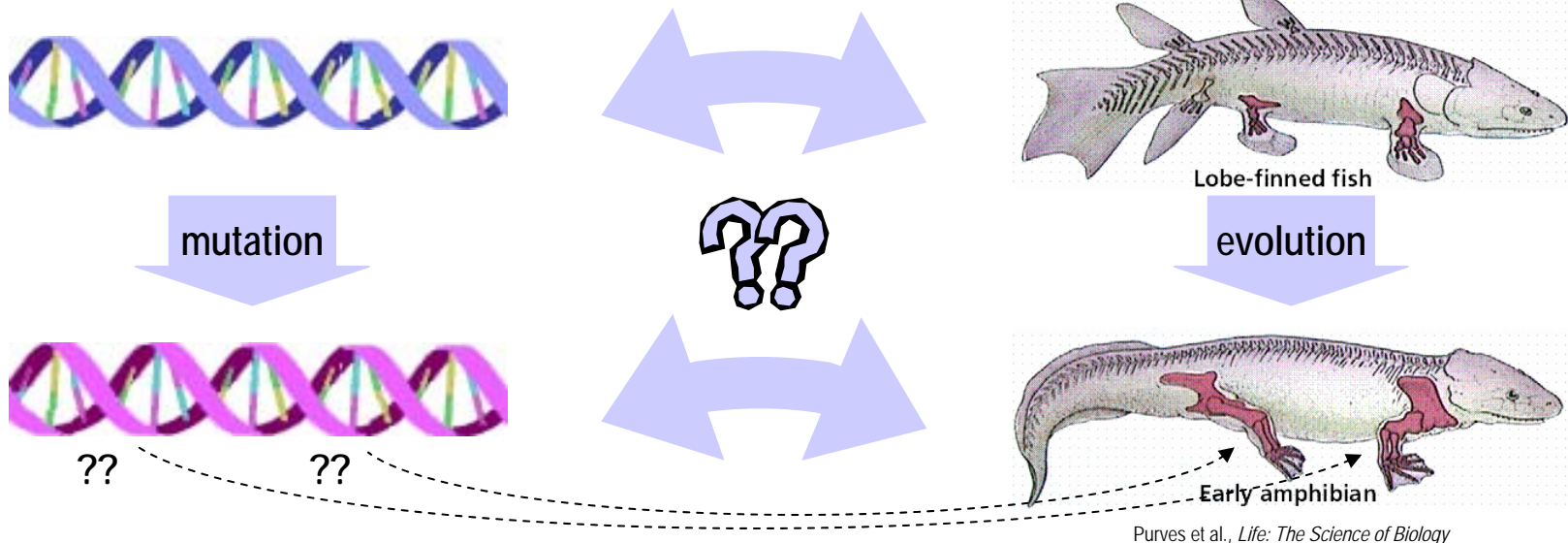
Evolutionary innovation by development

➤ Development: the missing link of the Modern Synthesis...

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—Marc W. Kirschner and John C. Gerhart (2005)
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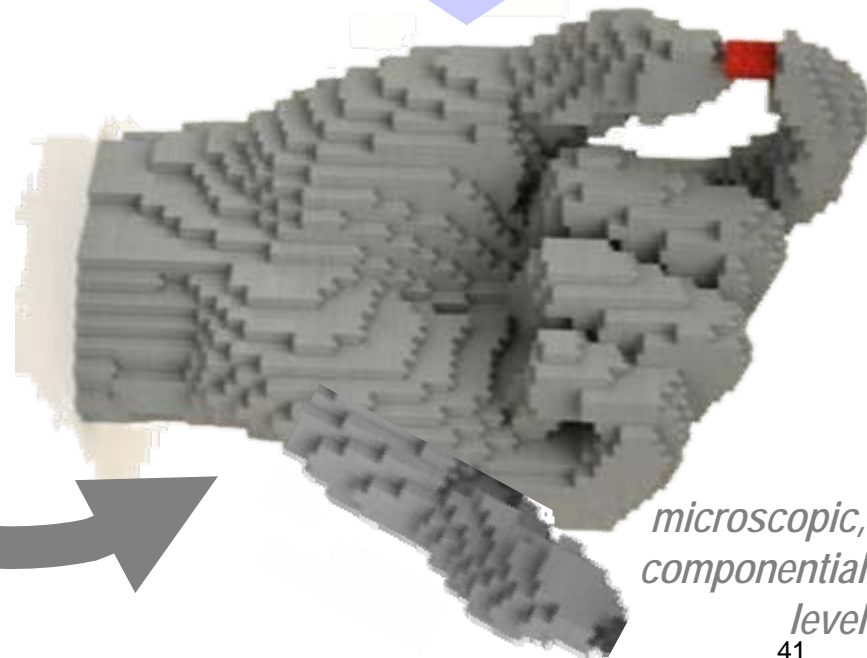


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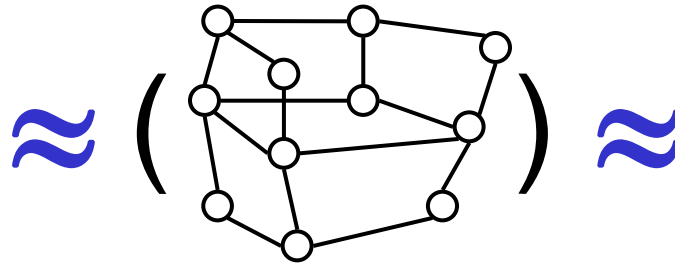
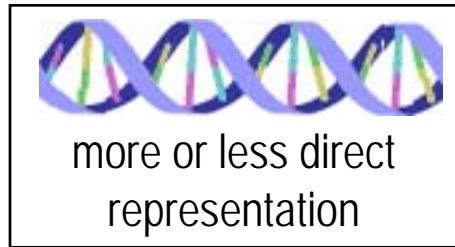
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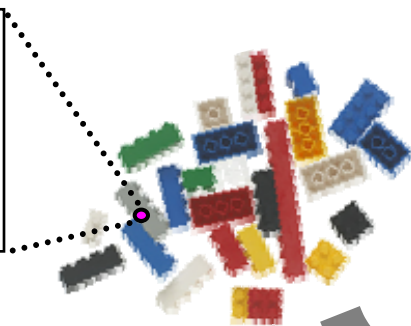
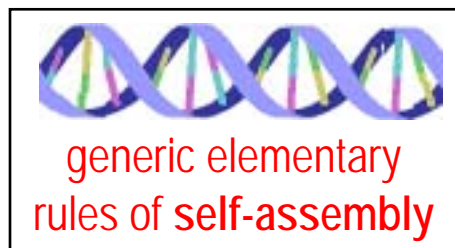


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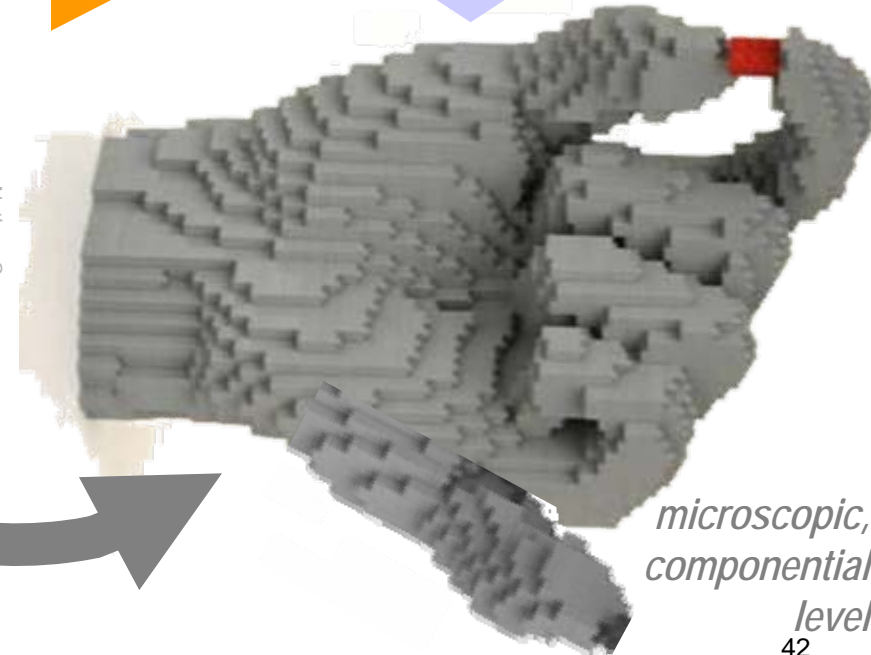
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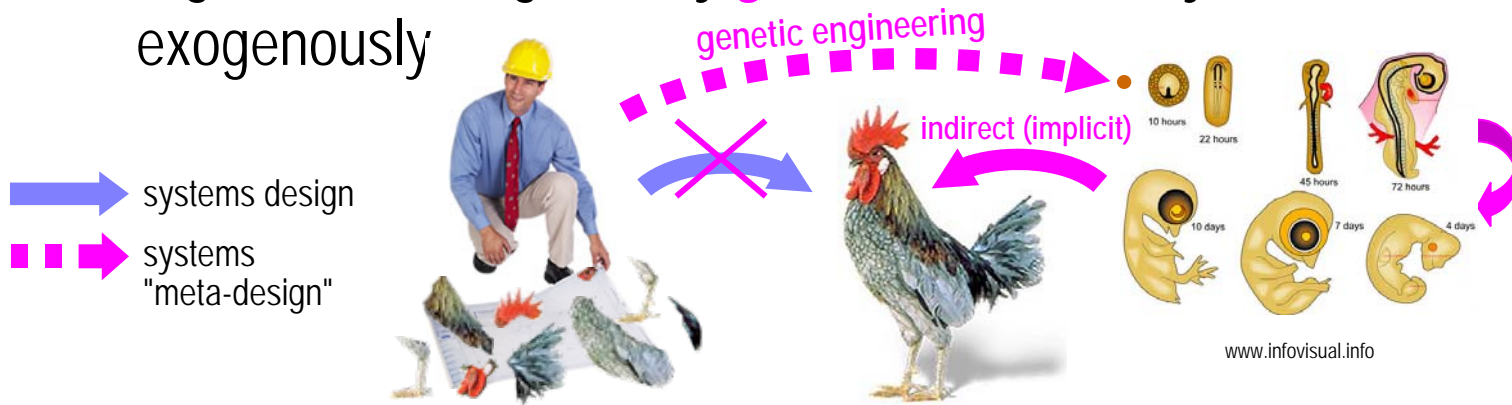


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Toward “evo-devo” engineering

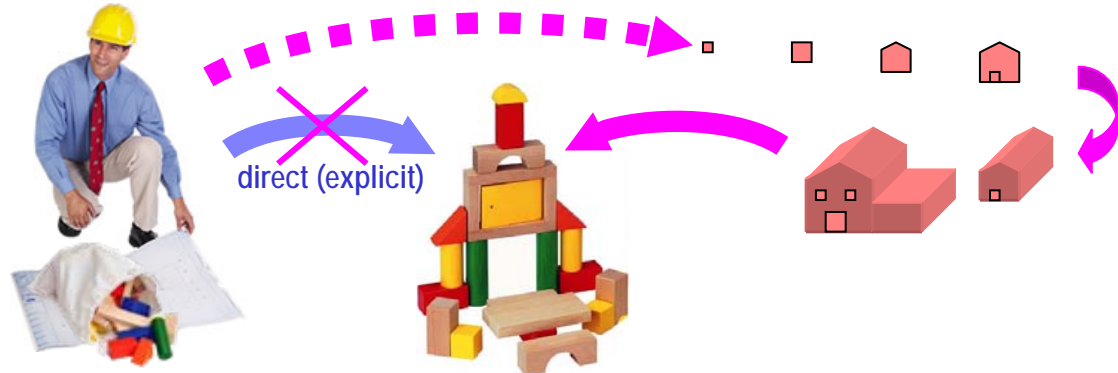
➤ ... and of Evolutionary Computation: toward “meta-design”

- ✓ organisms endogenously *grow* but artificial systems *are built* exogenously



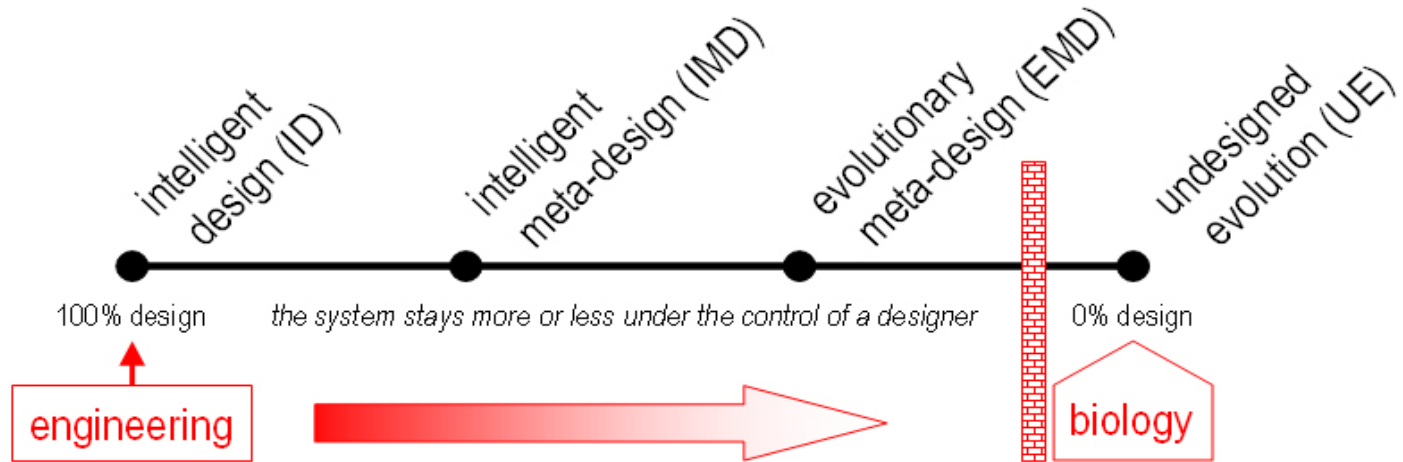
- ✓ could engineers “step back” from their creation and only set *generic* conditions for systems to self-assemble?

instead of building the system from the top (phenotype), program the components from the bottom (genotype)



The meta-design of complexity

➤ Pushing design toward evolutionary biology



intelligent “hands-on” design

heteronomous order

centralised control

designer as a micromanager

rigidly placing components

sensitive to part failures

need to control and redesign

complicated systems: planes, computers

intelligent & evolutionary “meta-design”

■ autonomous order

■ decentralised control

■ designer as a lawmaker

■ allowing fuzzy self-placement

■ insensitive to part failures

■ prepare for adaptation & evolution

■ *complex* multi-component systems

The evolutionary “self-made puzzle” paradigm



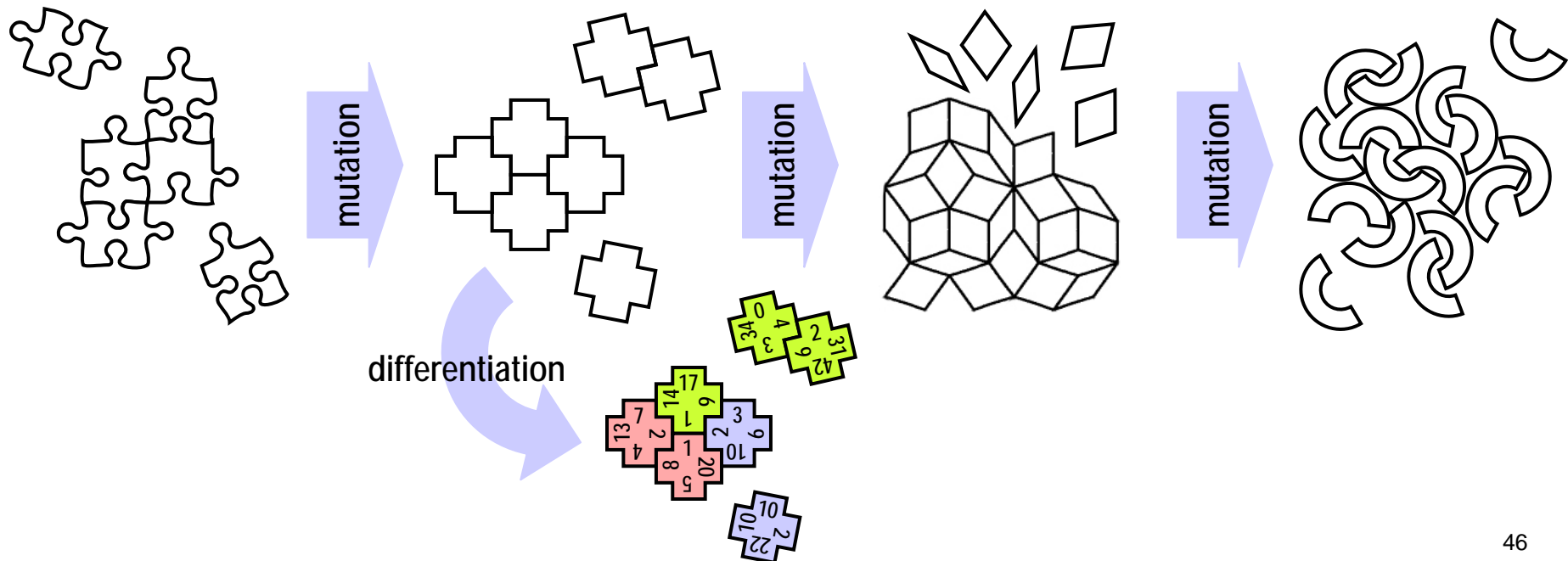
- a. Construe systems as *self-assembling* (developing) *puzzles*
- b. Design and *program their pieces* (the “genotype”)
- c. Let them evolve by *variation* of *the pieces* and *selection* of the architecture (the “phenotype”)

- **Genotype:** rules at the *micro* level of agents
 - ✓ ability to *search* and *connect* to other agents
 - ✓ ability to *interact* with them over those connections
 - ✓ ability to *modify* one’s internal state (differentiate) and rules (evolve)
 - ✓ ability to provide a specialized local *function*
- **Phenotype:** collective behavior, visible at the *macro* level

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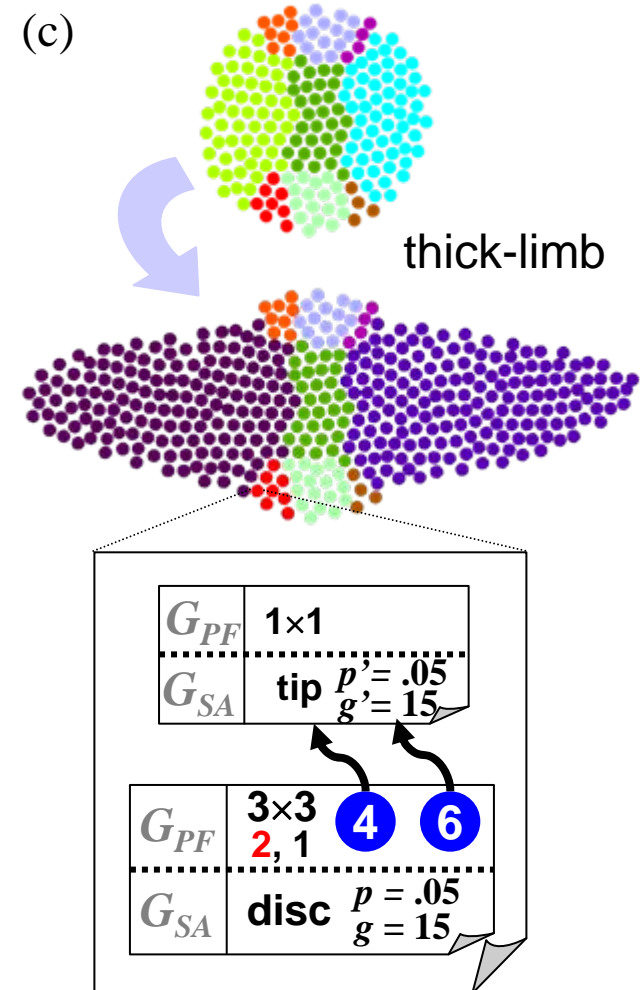
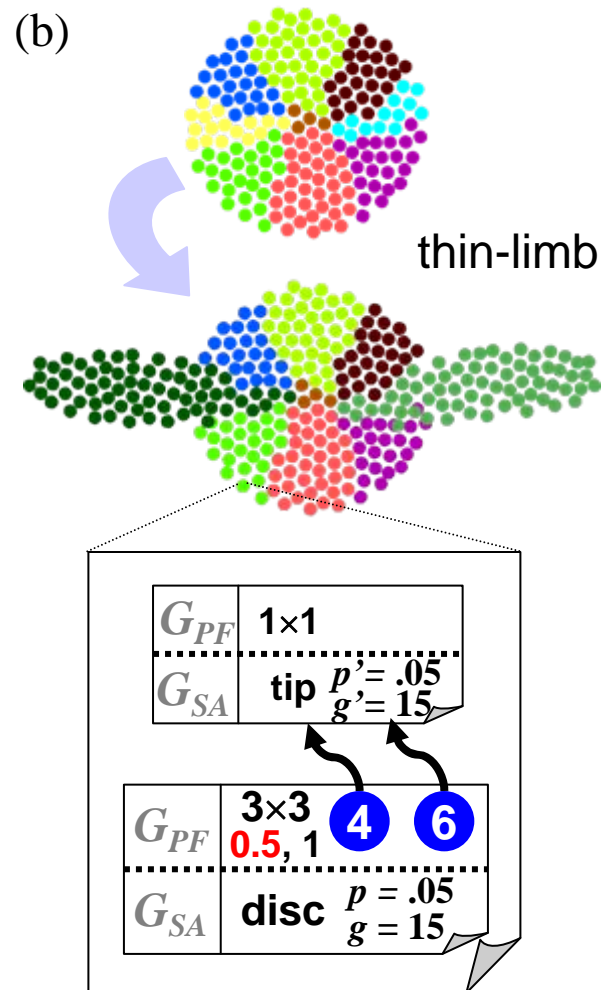
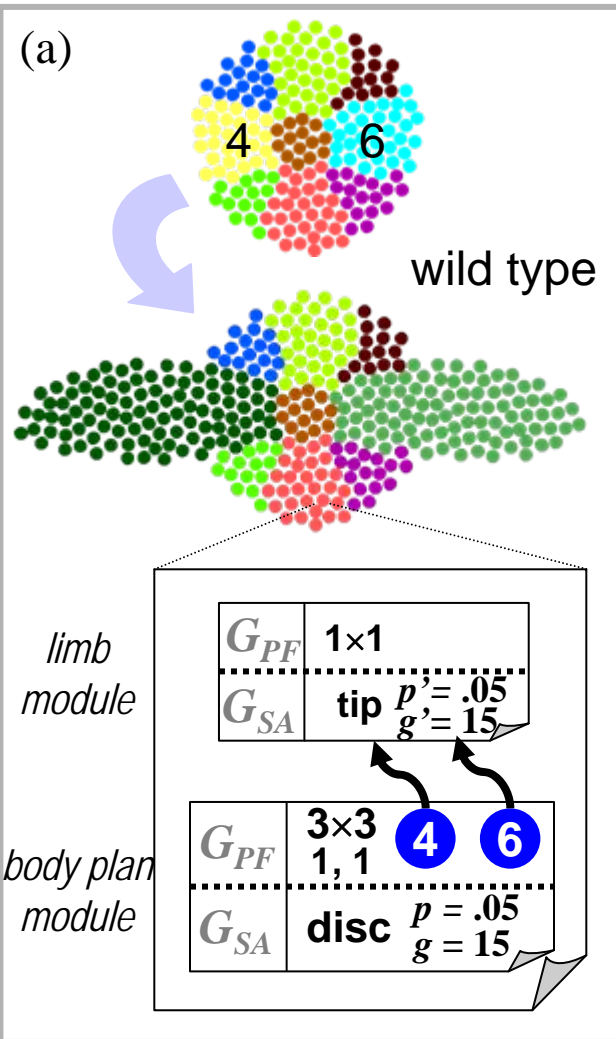
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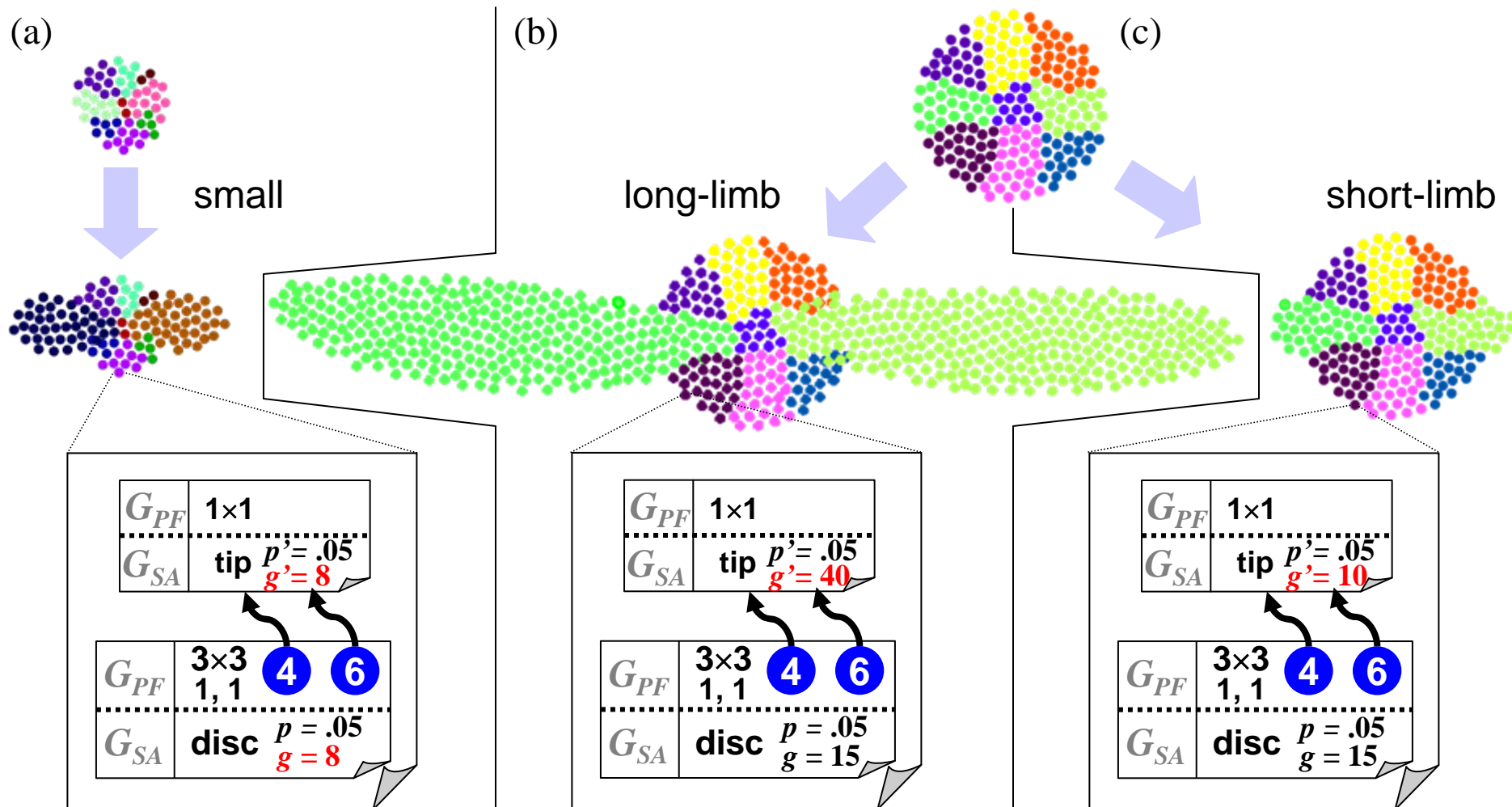
Multi-agent evolutionary development (evo-devo)

➤ Quantitative mutations: limb thickness



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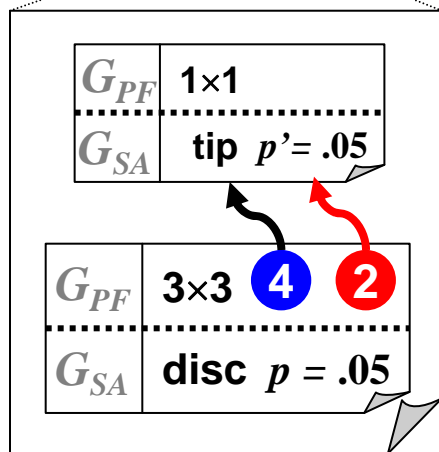
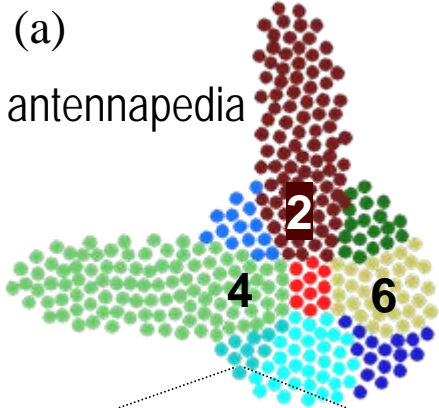
➤ Quantitative mutations: body size and limb length



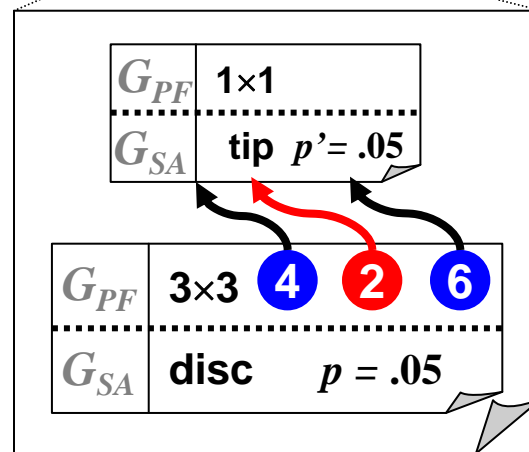
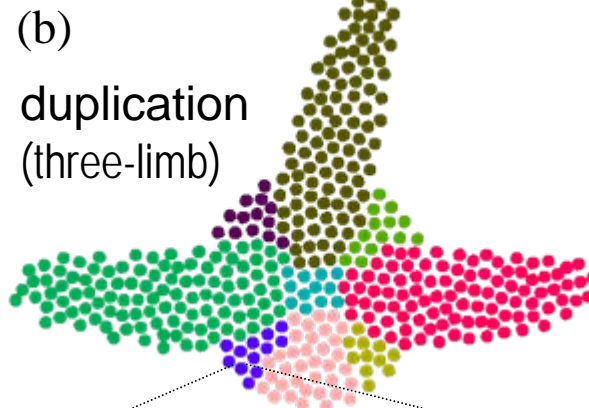
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➤ Qualitative mutations: limb position and differentiation

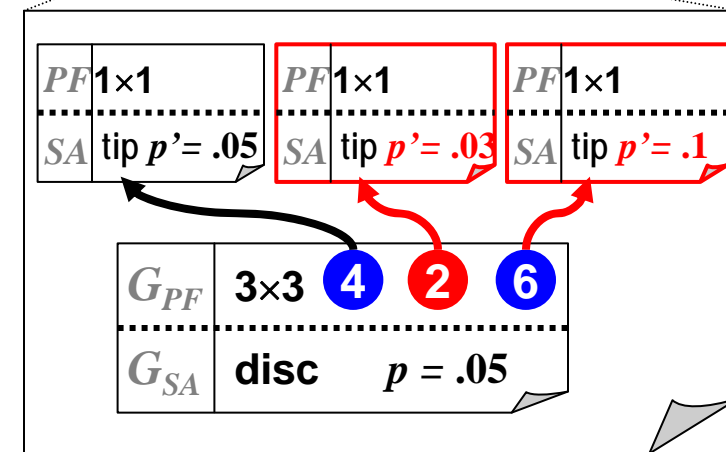
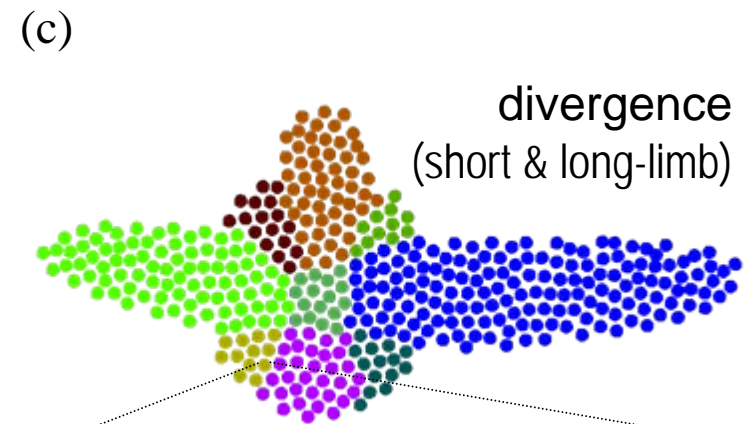
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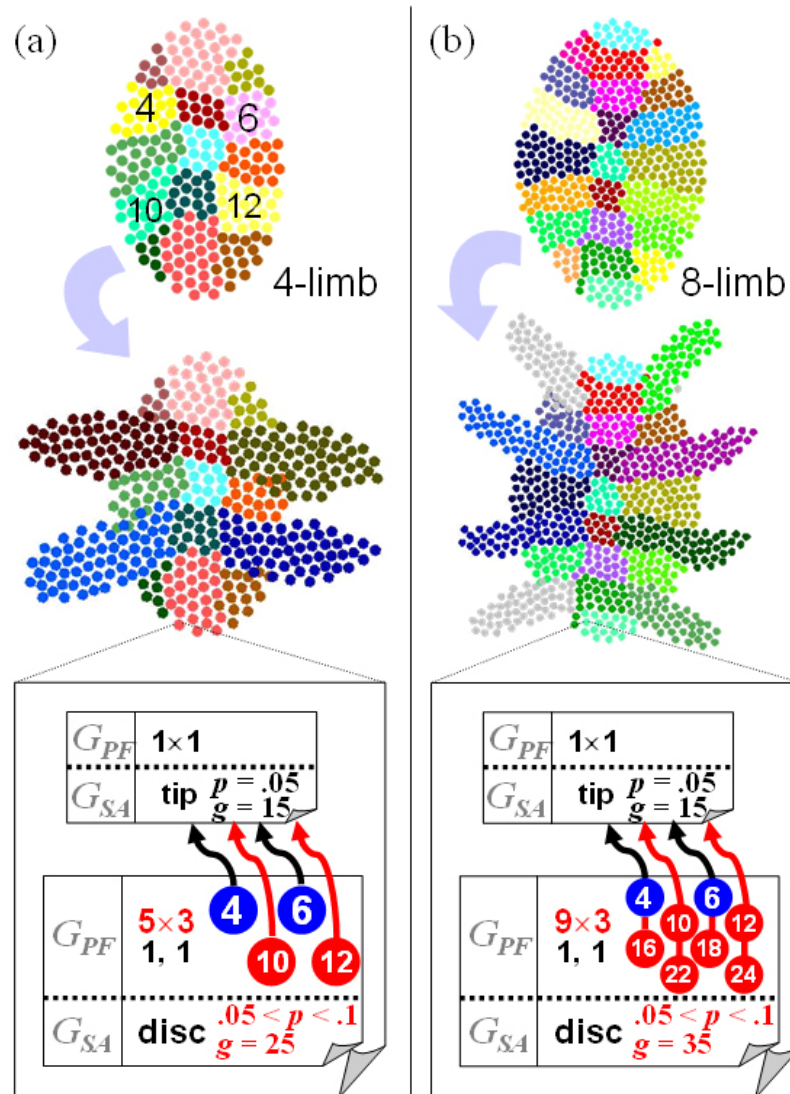


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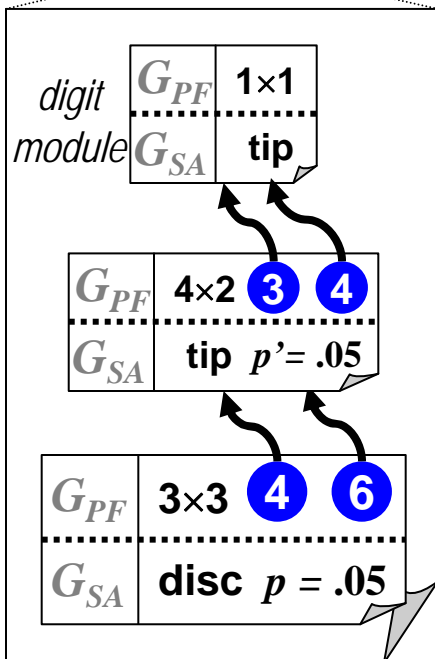
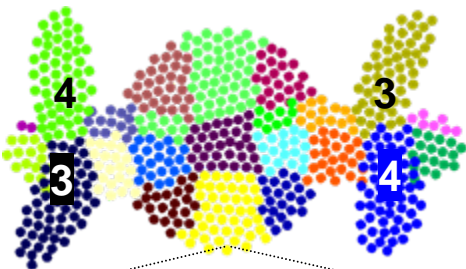
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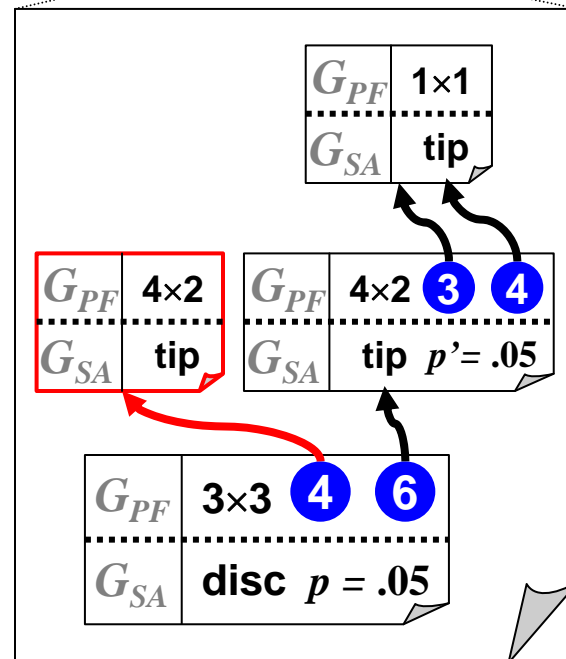
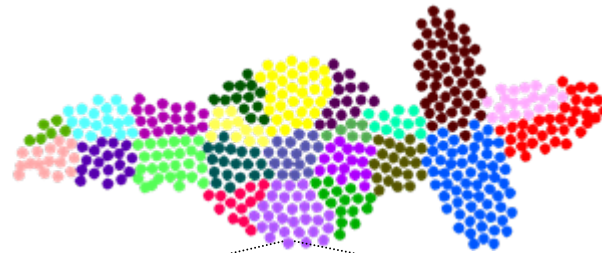
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➤ Qualitative mutations: 3rd-level digits

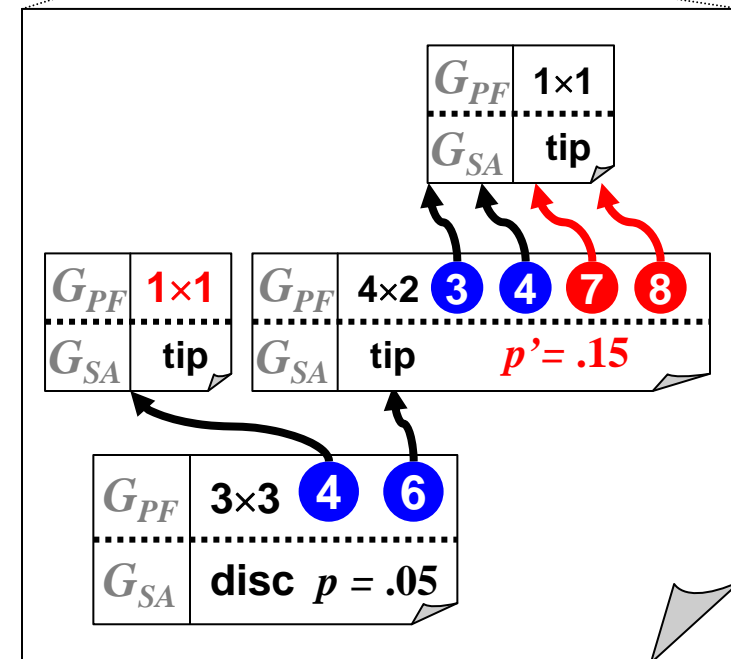
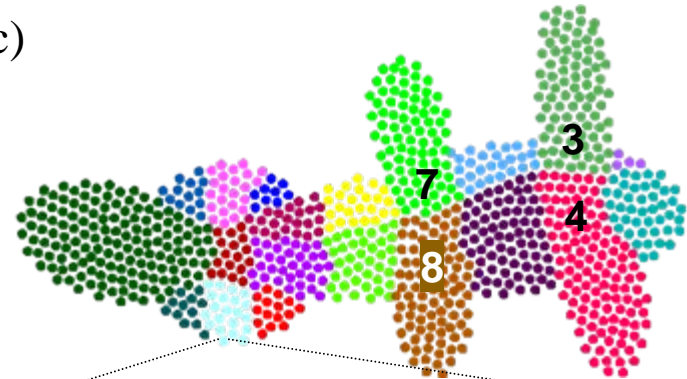
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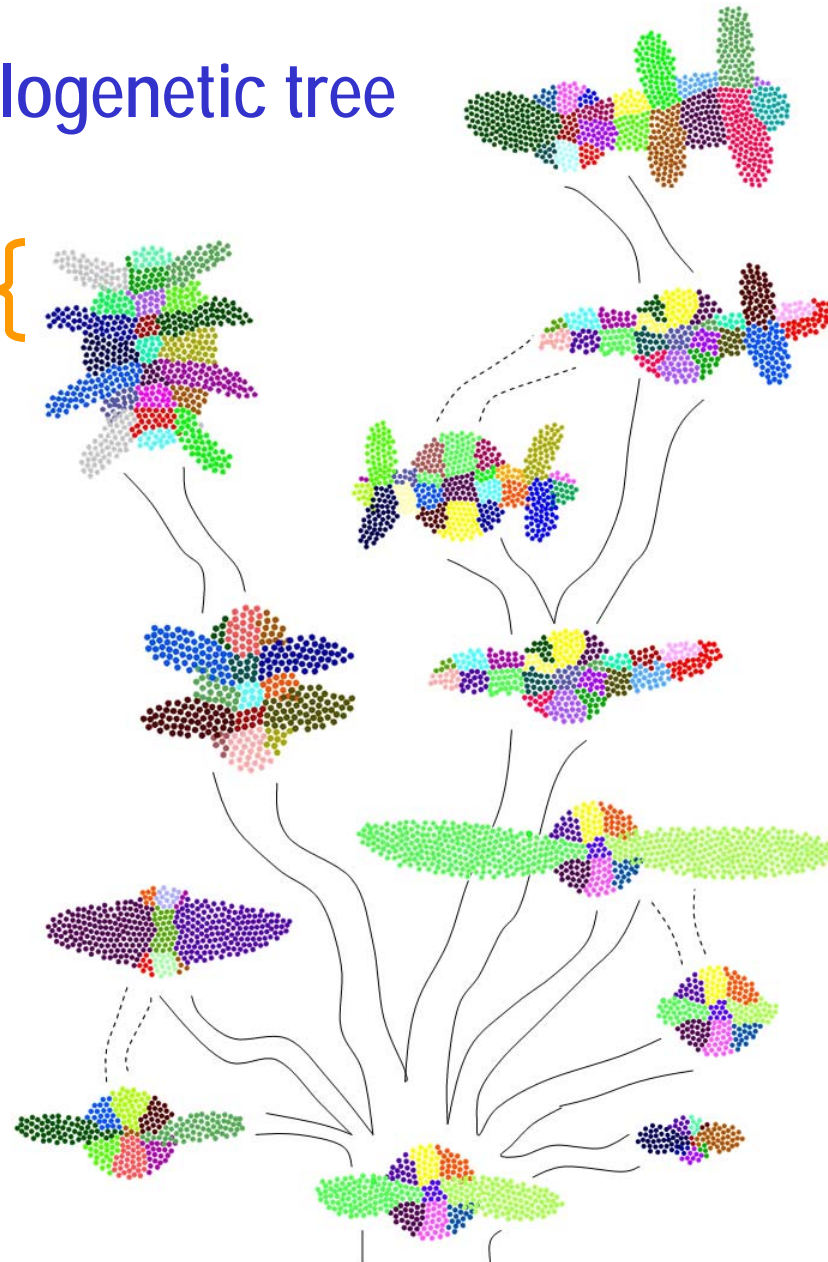
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➤ Artificial phylogenetic tree

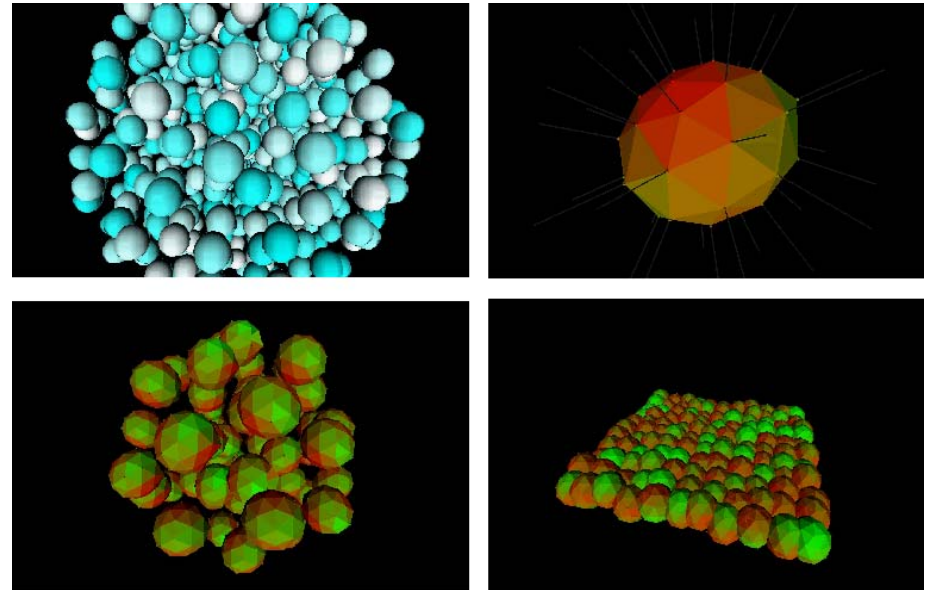
*production
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Work toward more accurate biological modeling

➤ More accurate mechanics

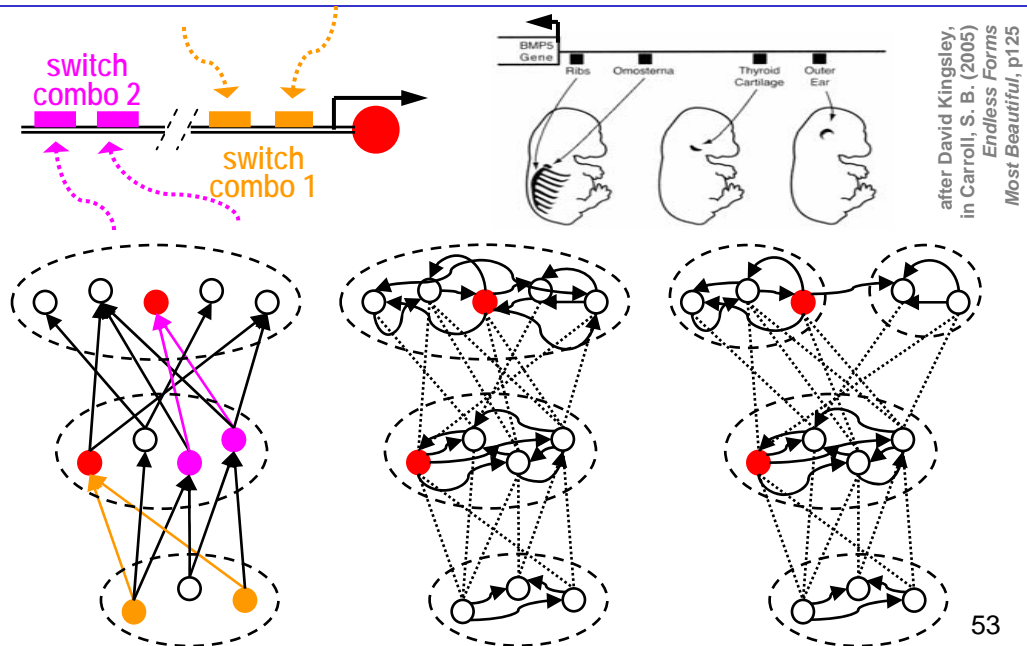
- ✓ 3-D
- ✓ individual cell shapes
- ✓ collective motion, migration
- ✓ adhesion



(Delile, Doursat, Peyrieras)

➤ Better gene regulation

- ✓ recurrent links
- ✓ gene reuse
- ✓ kinetic reaction ODEs
- ✓ attractor dynamics



More work toward functional EC

➤ What is missing...

1. the *function/purpose/behavior* of a developed organism
 - depending on the problem domain
 - 2-D/3-D modular robotics: move, grab, build, etc.
 - N-D networks: communication dynamics, collective computation
2. a *fitness measure*
 - assessing the value of the above function
3. a *systematic exploration*
 - by random, automated mutations
 - with statistics over many runs
4. a *comparison*
 - with other, non-developmental (or non-self-organized) approaches
 - on the same problems or benchmarks

Discussion

➤ Questions that need to be addressed...

✓ *modularity?*

- modularity of the genotype vs. phenotype

✓ *compactness?*

- repetitiveness: reuse of genes and gene regulation modules
- vs. heterogeneity and uniqueness of structures

✓ *innovation?*

- how fine-grained development fosters the emergence of new structures

✓ *open-ended evolution?*

- don't set a specific goal, harvest from surprising organisms

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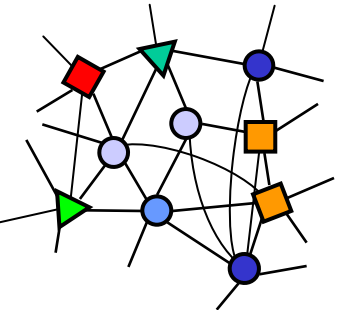
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Programmable techno-social networks

➤ Harnessing complex networks



ubiquitous computing & communication capabilities create entirely *new myriads of user-device interactions* from the bottom up



explosion in size and complexity of techno-social networks in all domains: energy, education, healthcare, business, defense

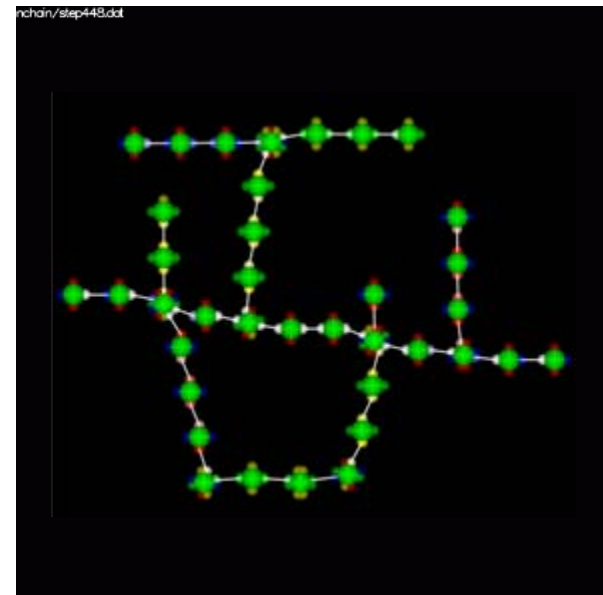
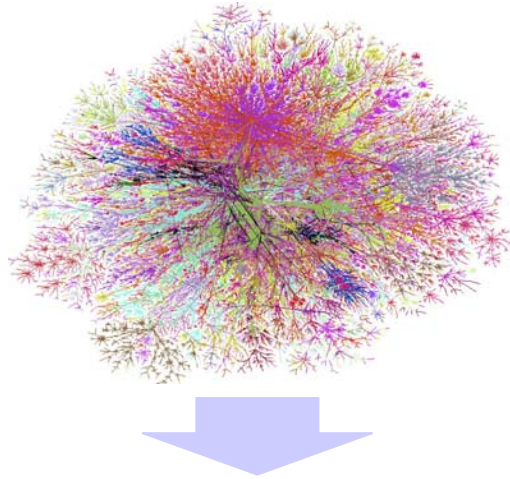


de facto complex systems with spontaneous collective behavior that we don't quite understand or control yet

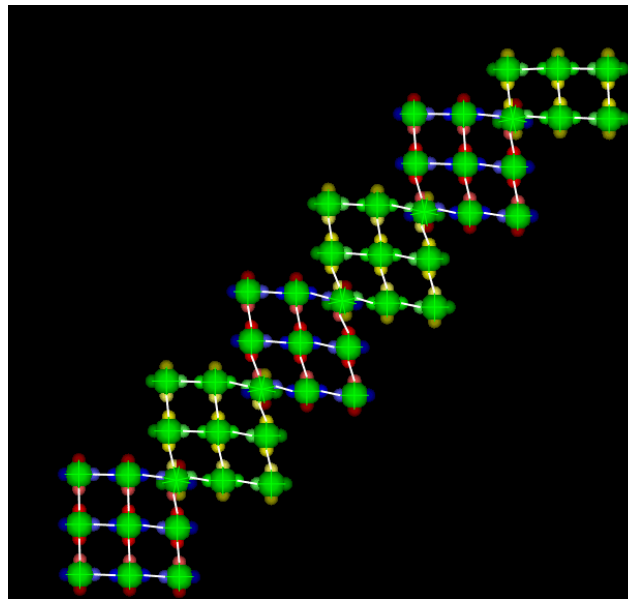


time to design new collaborative technologies to harness this decentralisation and emergence

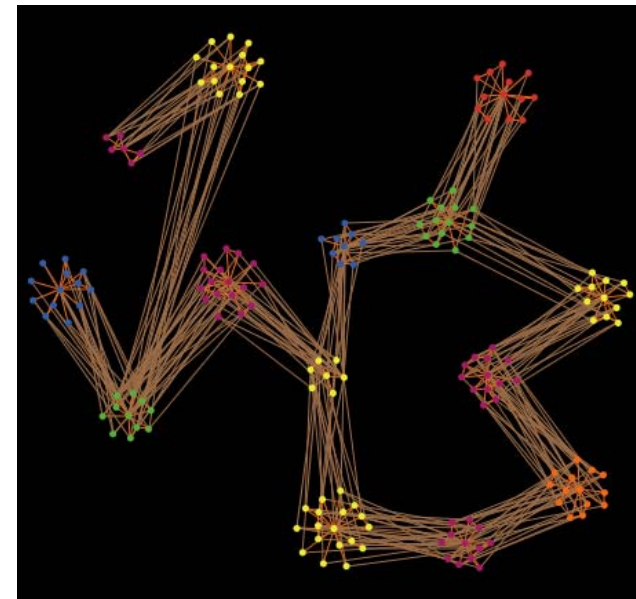
From "scale-free" to architected networks



single-node
composite branching



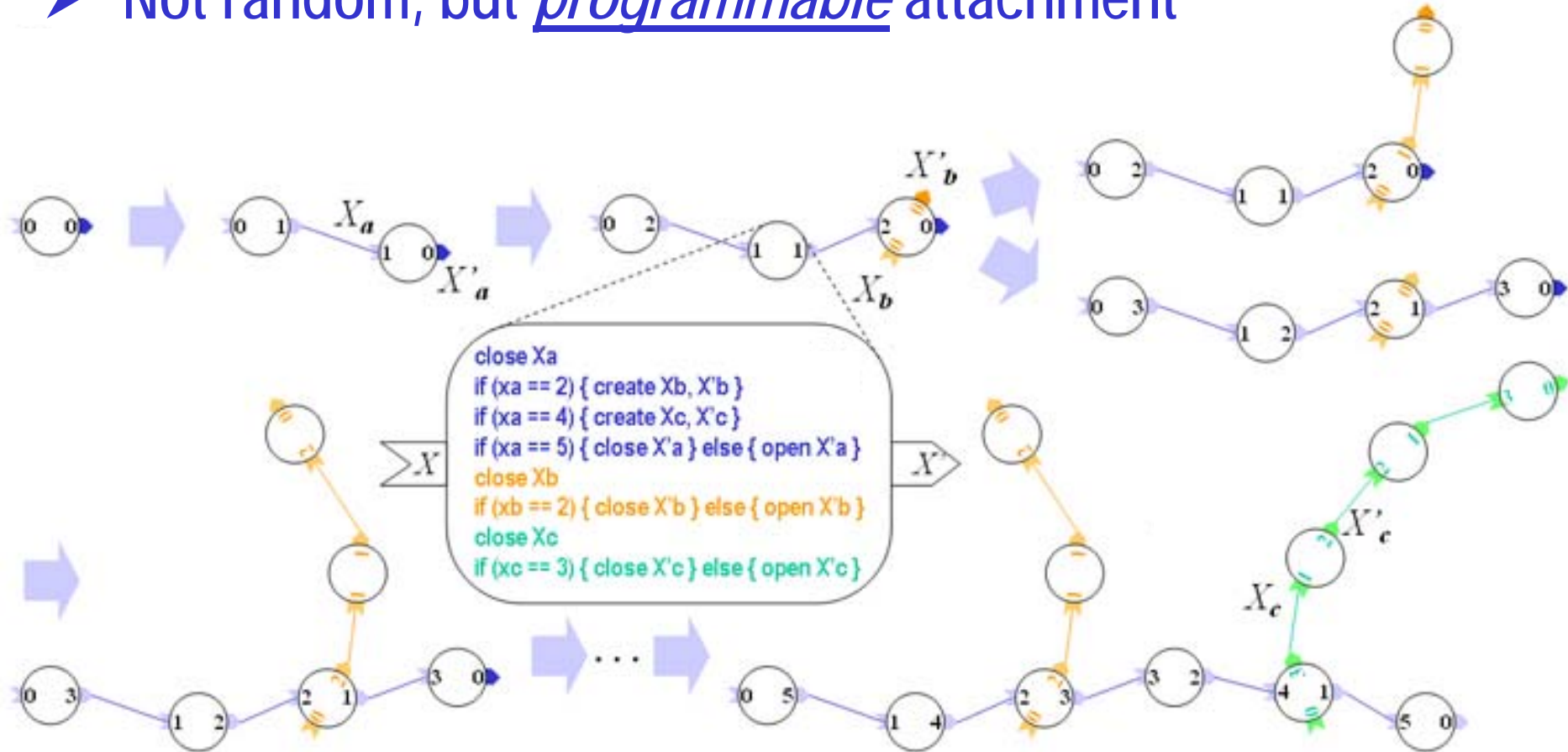
iterative lattice pile-up



clustered
composite branching

Self-knitting networks

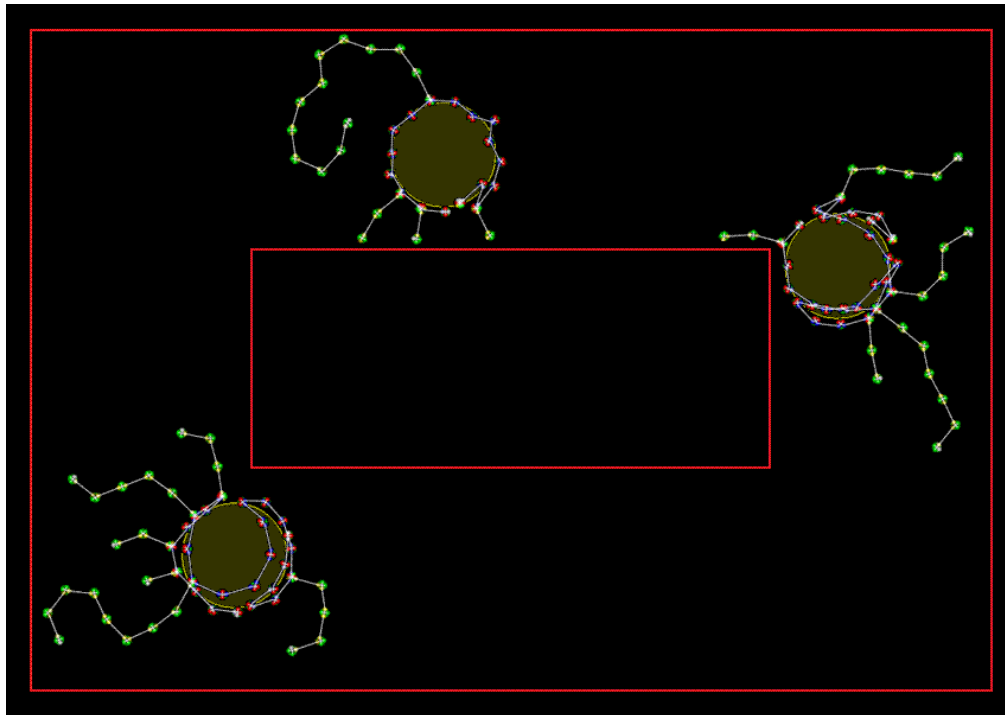
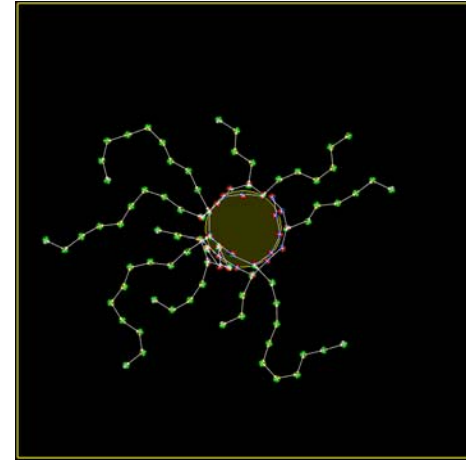
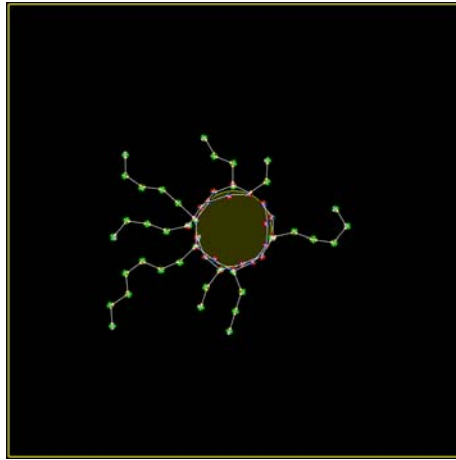
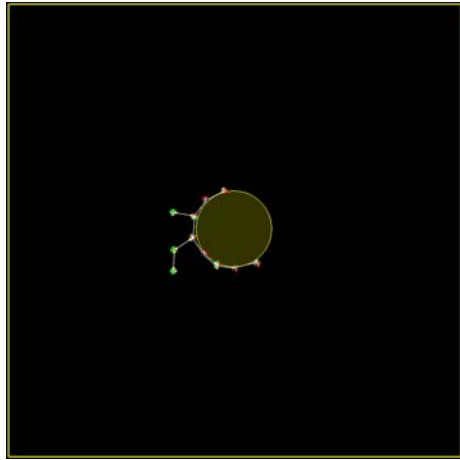
- Not random, but programmable attachment



- ✓ a generalisation of morphogenesis in n dimensions

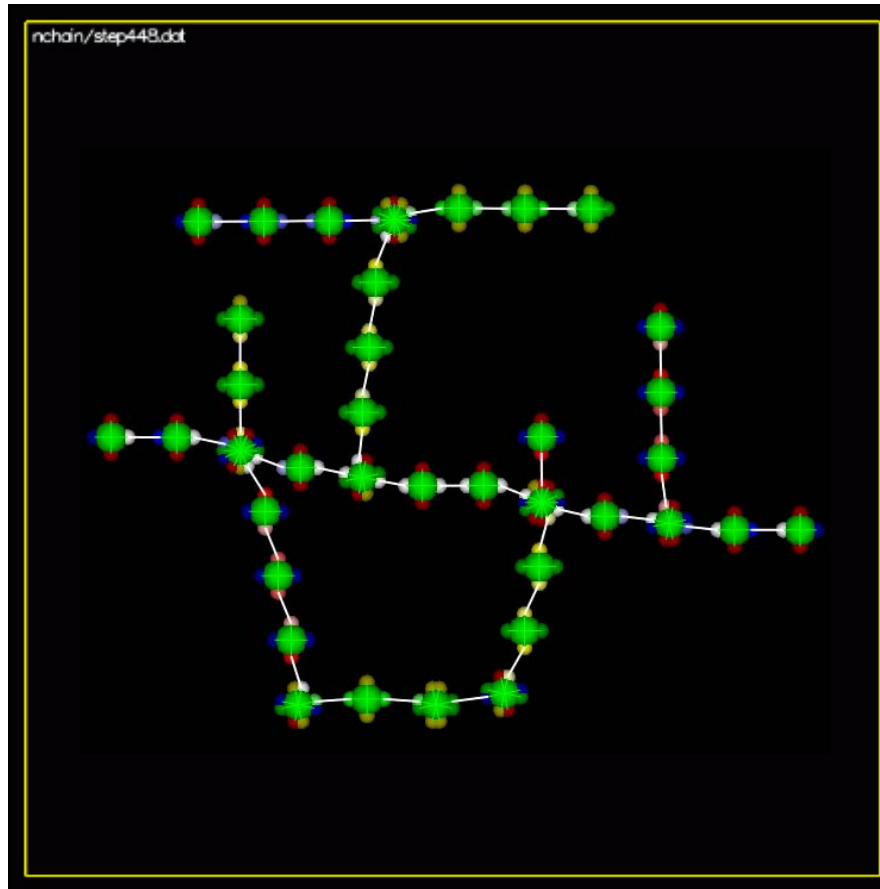
✓ the node routines are the "*genotype*" of the network

Order influenced (not imposed) by the environment



Abstract model of self-made network

- Formation of a specific, reproducible structure
 - ✓ nodes attach randomly, but only to a few available ports

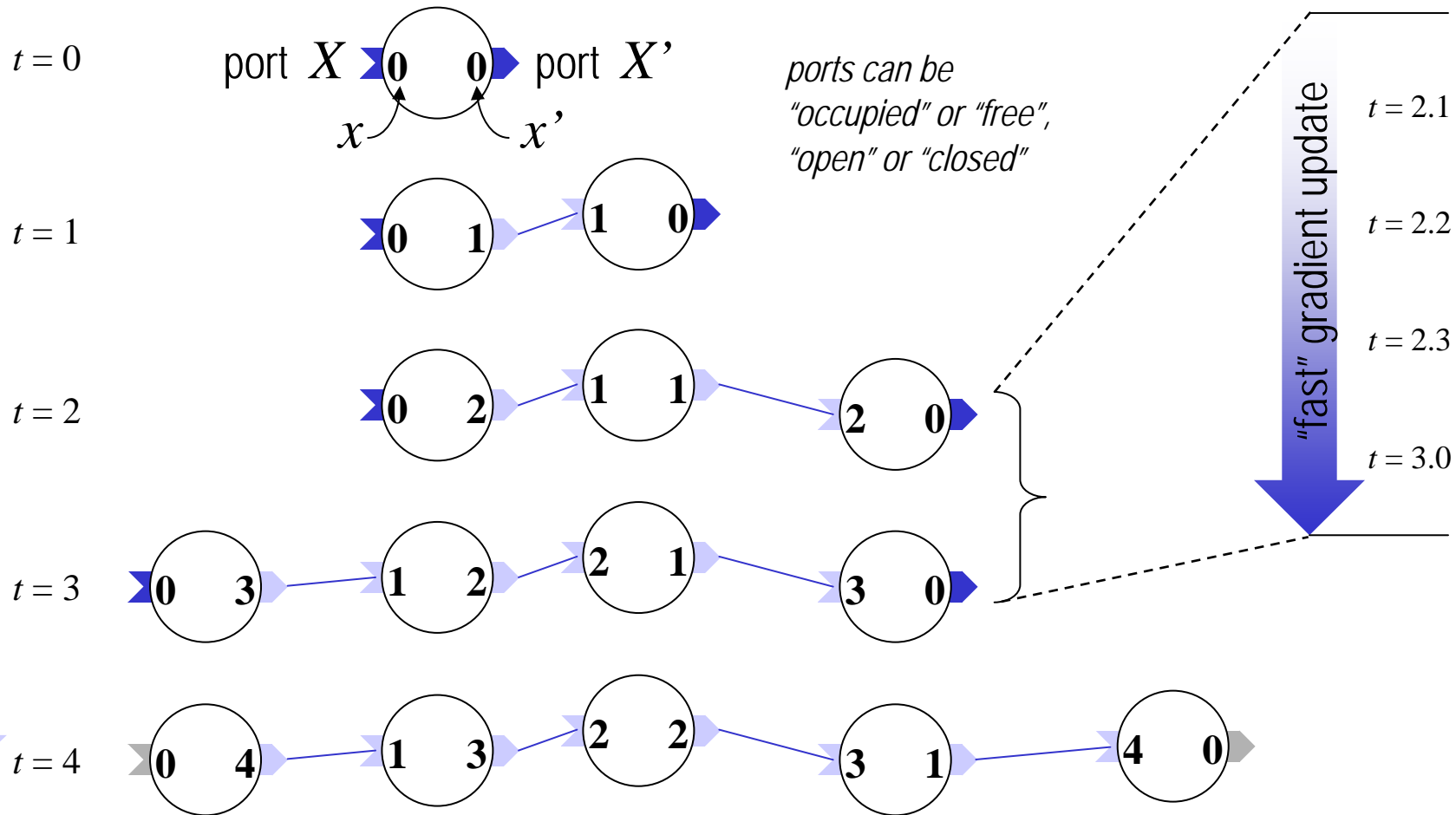


1. Chains
2. Lattices
3. Clusters
4. Modules

Abstract model of self-made network

➤ Simple chaining

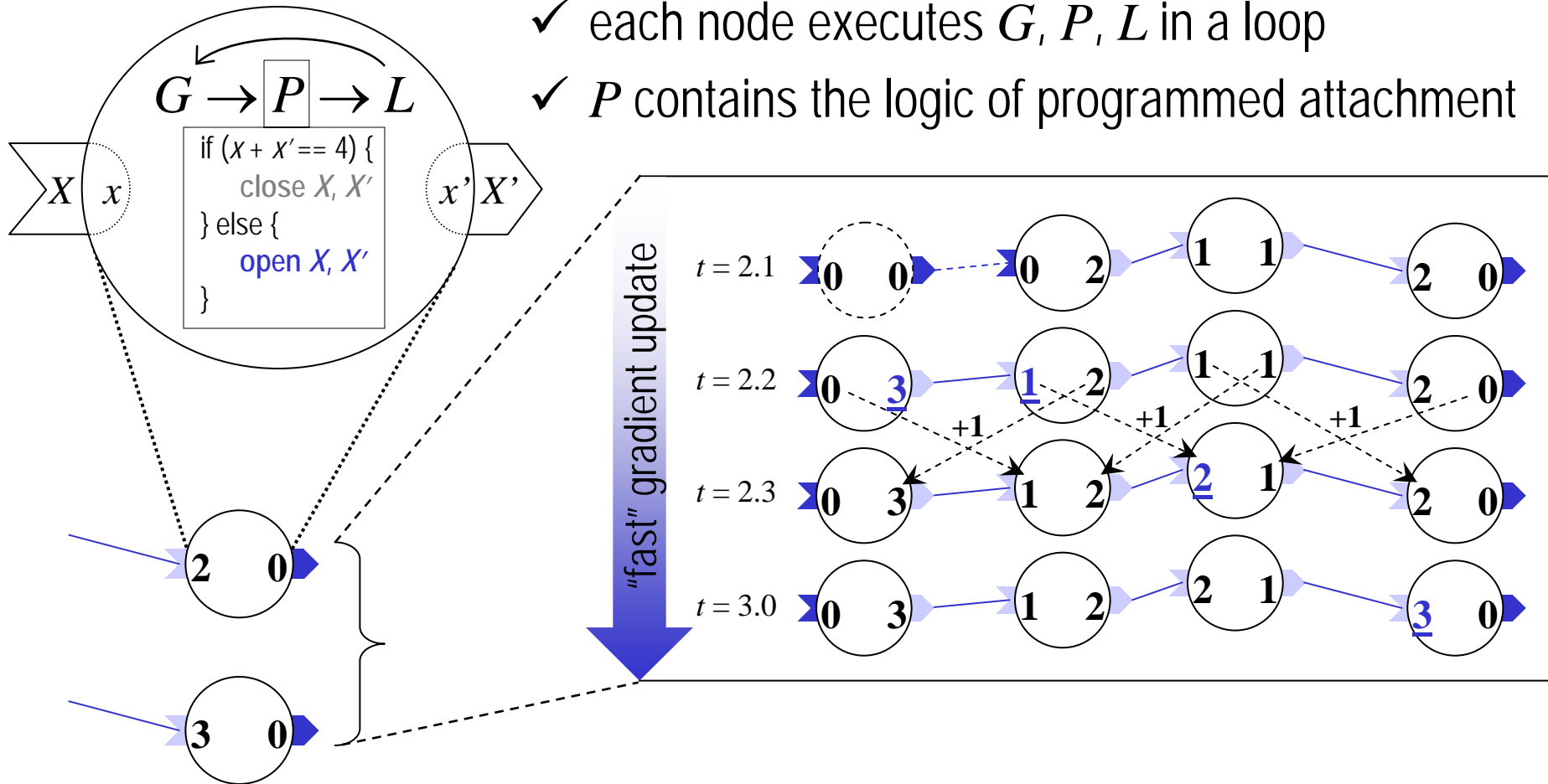
- ✓ link creation (L) by programmed port management (P)



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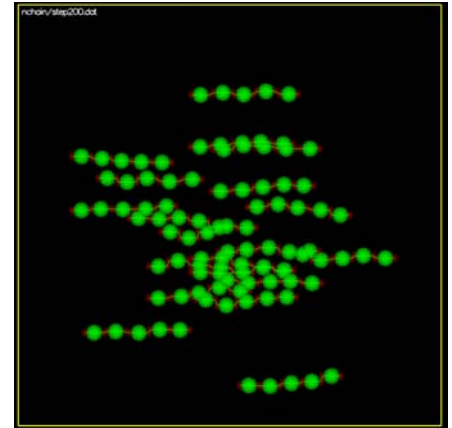
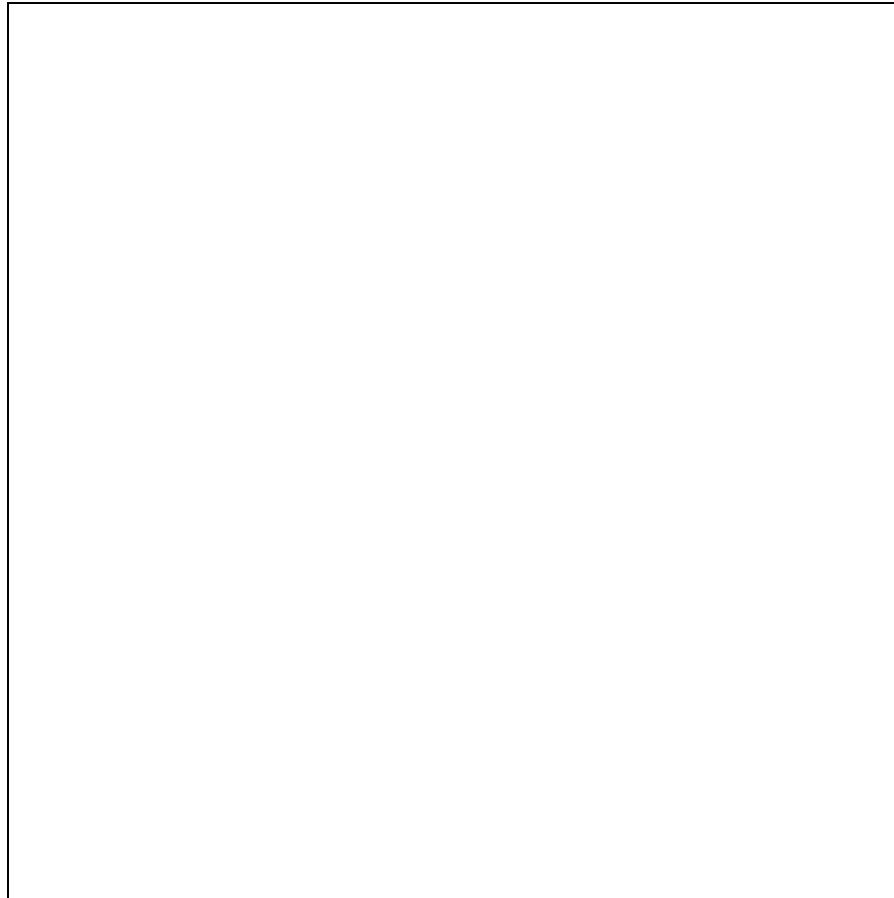
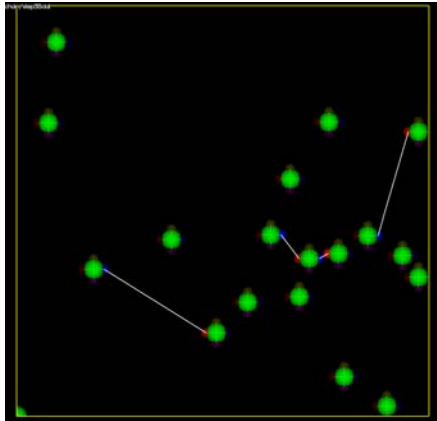
➤ Simple chaining

- ✓ port management (P) relies on gradient update (G)
- ✓ each node executes G, P, L in a loop
- ✓ P contains the logic of programmed attachment



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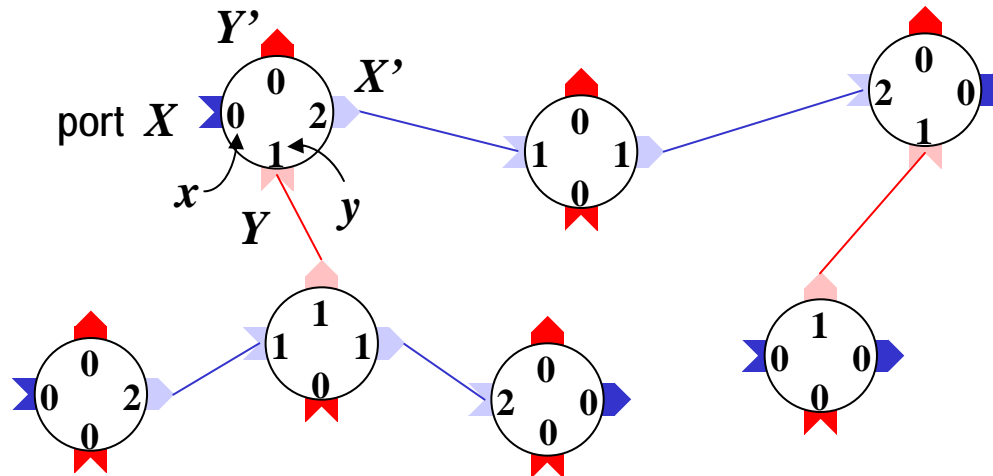
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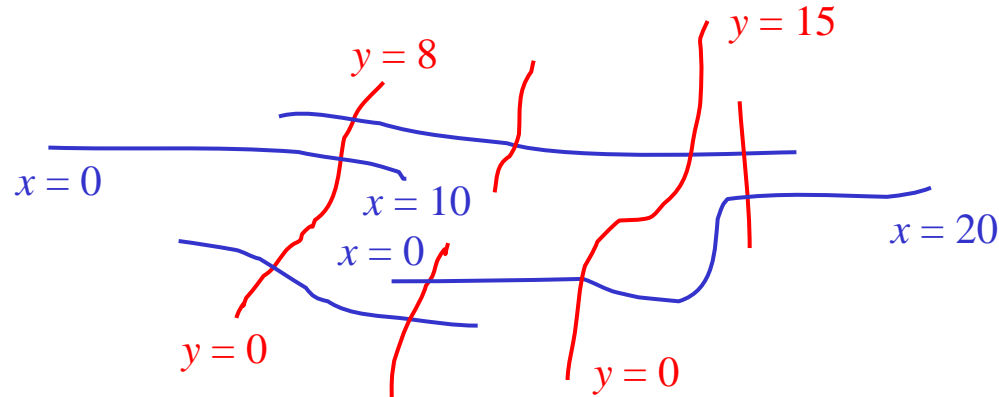
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➤ Lattice formation by guided attachment

- ✓ *two* pairs of ports: (X, X') and (Y, Y')



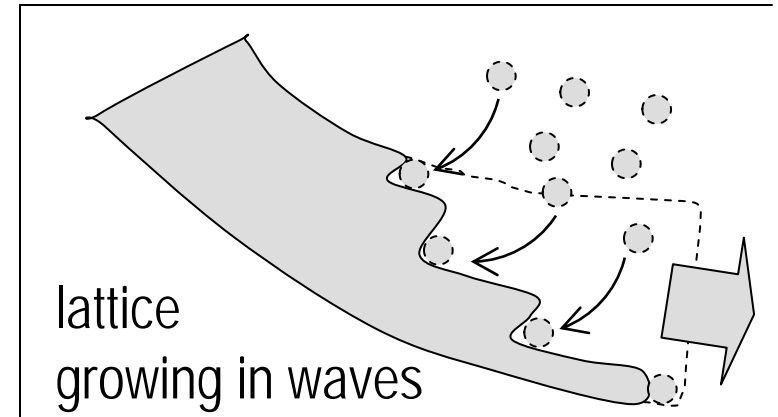
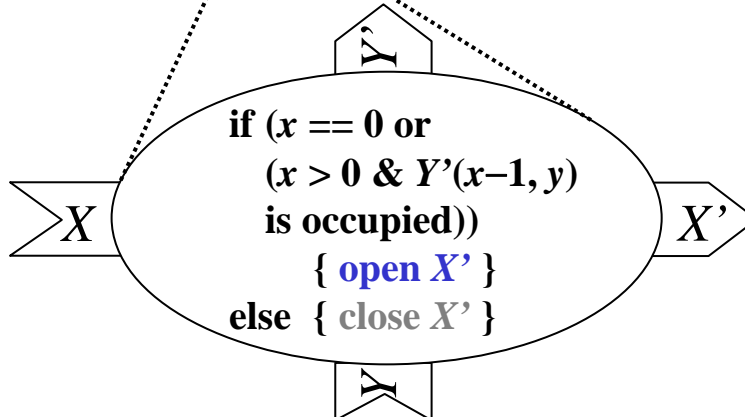
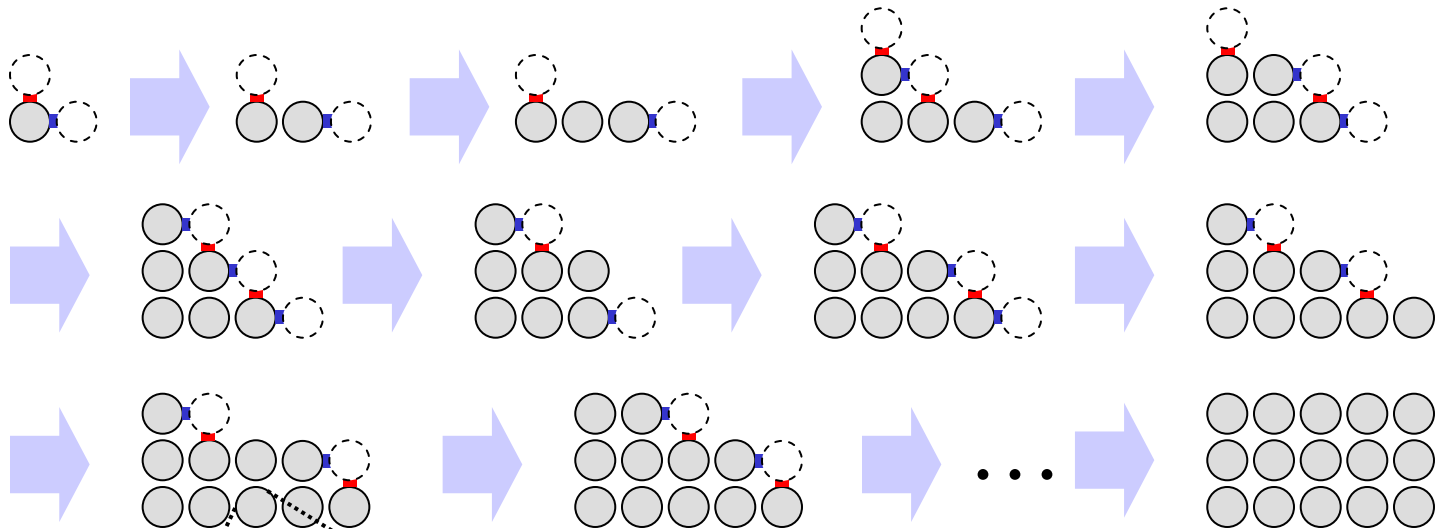
- ✓ without port management P , chains form and intersect randomly



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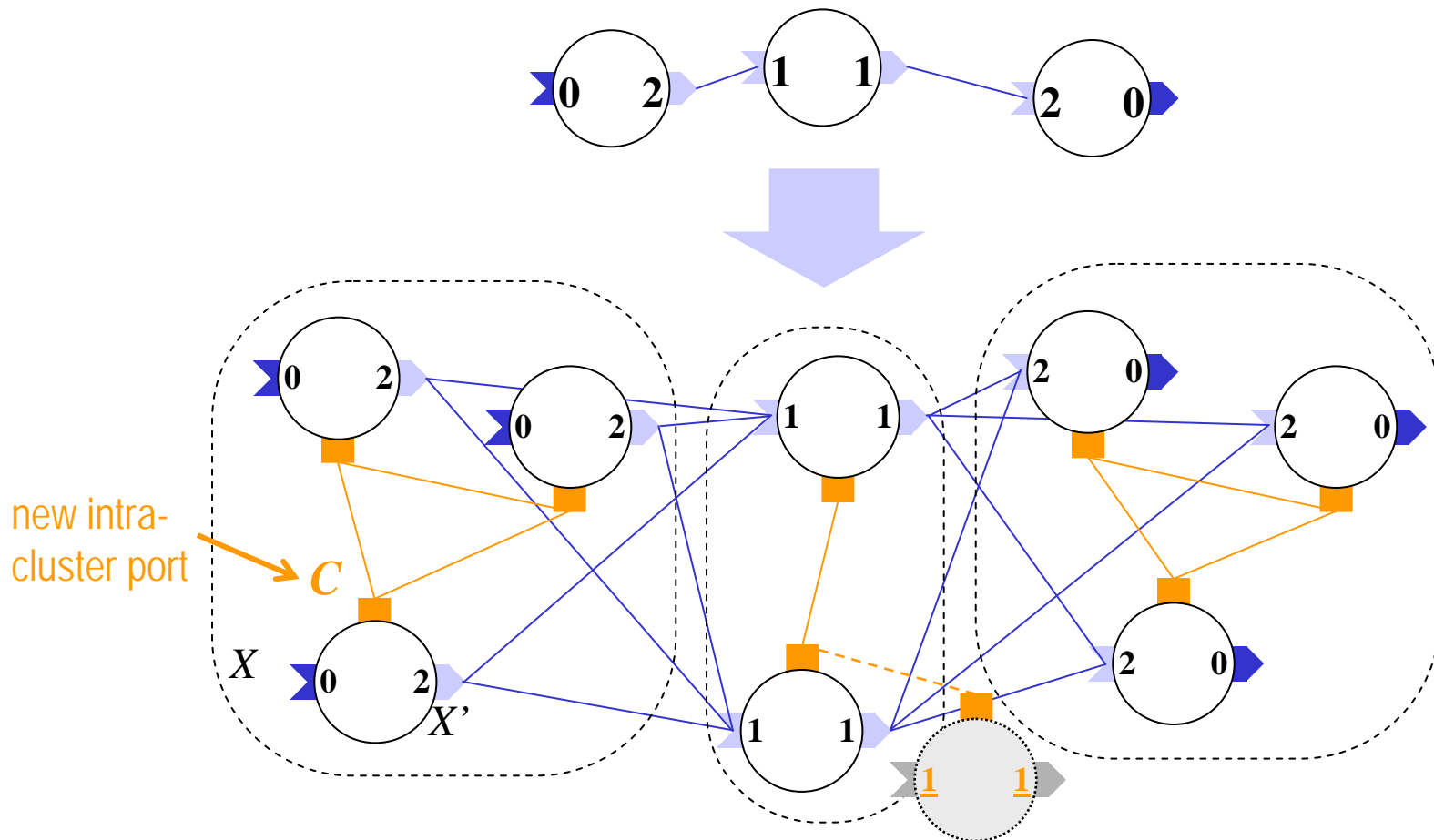
- ✓ only specific spots are open, similar to beacons on a landing runway



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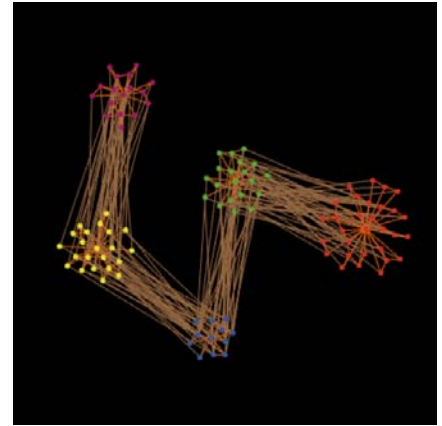
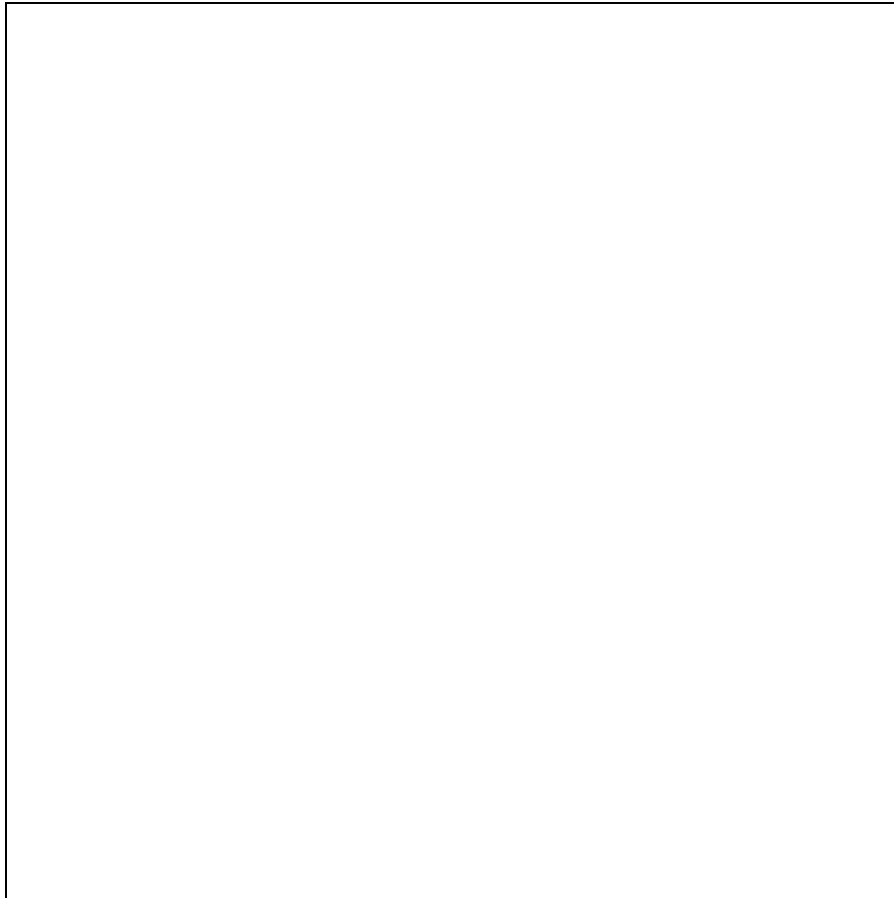
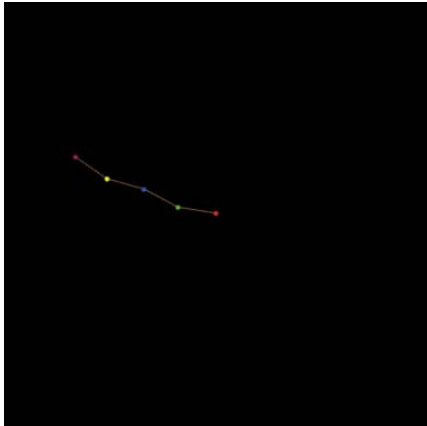
➤ Cluster chains and lattices

- ✓ several nodes per location: reintroducing randomness but only within the constraints of a specific structure



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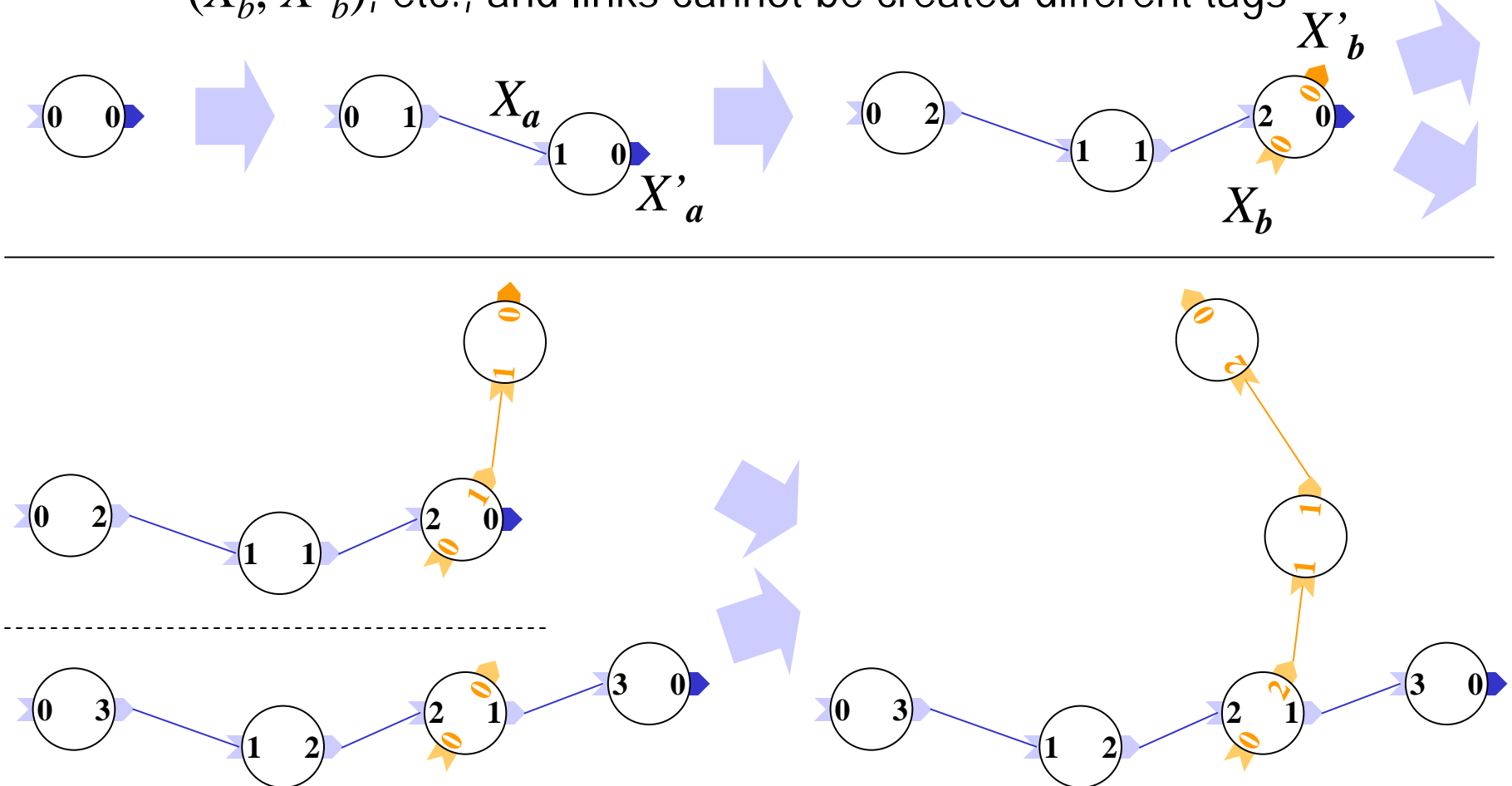
➤ Cluster chains and lattices



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➤ Modular structures by local gradients

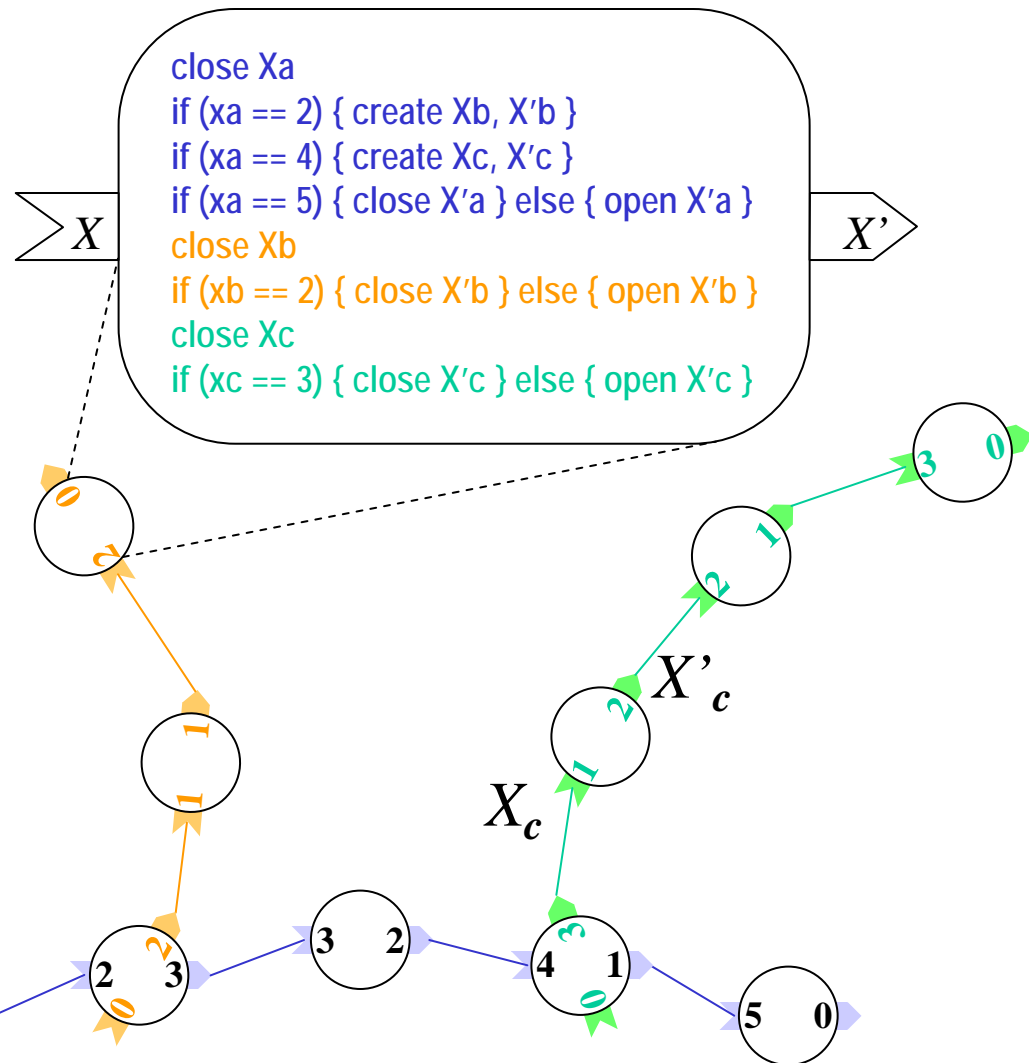
- ✓ modeled here by different coordinate systems, (X_a, X'_a) , (X_b, X'_b) , etc., and links cannot be created different tags



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➤ Modular structures by local gradients

- ✓ the node routines are the *"genotype"* of the network



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