# A Hard Problem In A Boolean Asynchronous Freezing Cellular Automata

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An Asynchronous Cellular Automaton is a function  $F: Q^{\mathbb{Z}^d} \rightarrow Q^{\mathbb{Z}^d}$ :

$$F^{\sigma(0)}(x) = x; \qquad F^{\sigma(t)}(x)_z = \begin{cases} f(F^{\sigma(t-1)}(x)_{N(z)}) & \text{if } z = \sigma(t) \\ x_z & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

▶  $N \subset \mathbb{Z}^d$  is called the neighborhood

► f is the local function

• 
$$\sigma: \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{Z}^d$$
 is the update scheme

#### Remark

In asynchronous cellular automata only changes one cell at each time step.

# Neighborhoods and Boolean Network

#### Main neighborhoods



von Neumann neighborhood



Moore neighborhood

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von Neumann Cellular automata grid Boolean network interaction graph

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t	v	s	
r	w	x	

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#### Definition (AsyncUnstability<sub>F</sub>)

F is a FACA.

INPUT: A  $n \times n$ -periodic configuration x and a cell z.

QUESTION: Does there exist a updating scheme  $\sigma$  and T > 0such that  $F^{\sigma(T)}(x)_z \neq x_z$ ?

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#### Problem

Is AsyncUnstability NP-complete for  $f_2$ ?

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а	Ь	<i>s</i> 1	<b>s</b> 2	a'	b'
0	0	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	0	0
0	0	$\downarrow$	$\rightarrow$	0	0
			$\downarrow$	0	
0	0	$\rightarrow$	$\rightarrow$	0	0
0	1	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	0	1
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	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	$\vee$	0	0	0	0
1	0	0	0	V	S	$\vee$	$\vee$	0
2	0	0	0	V	$\wedge$	0	V	0
3	$\vee$	$\vee$	$\vee$	$\wedge$	$\vee$	0	$\vee$	0
4	0	S	$\wedge$	V	$\vee$	$\vee$	$\wedge$	V
5	0	$\vee$	0	0	$\vee$	0	0	0
6	0	$\vee$	$\vee$	V	$\wedge$	0	0	0
7	0	0	0	0	V	0	0	0

Problem!!!

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2	0	0	0	$\vee$	$\wedge$	0	V	0	2	0	0	0	$\vee$	$\wedge$	0	$\vee$	0
3	$\vee$	$\vee$	$\vee$	$\wedge$	$\vee$	0	V	0	3	V	V	V	$\wedge$	V	0	$\vee$	0
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5	0	$\vee$	0	0	$\vee$	0	0	0	5	0	V	0	0	V	0	0	0
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0	0	0	V	0	0	0	0
$\vee$	$\vee$	$\vee$	$\vee$	$\vee$	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	V	V	V	V
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0	0	0	0	$\vee$	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	V	0	0	0

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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	V	V	$\vee$	$\vee$
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#### Theorem

AsyncUnstability is NP-complete.



















































































































































- ▶ We have a very restrictive NP-complete problem for (A)CA
- We simple local rule with a complex behavior in synchronous and asynchronous update
- To explore the "one way" (A)CA

# Gracias!