



Walking Membranes: Grid-exploring P Systems with Artificial Evolution for Multi-purpose Topological Optimisation of Cascaded Processes

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1. Introduction – Self-Organisation in Nature

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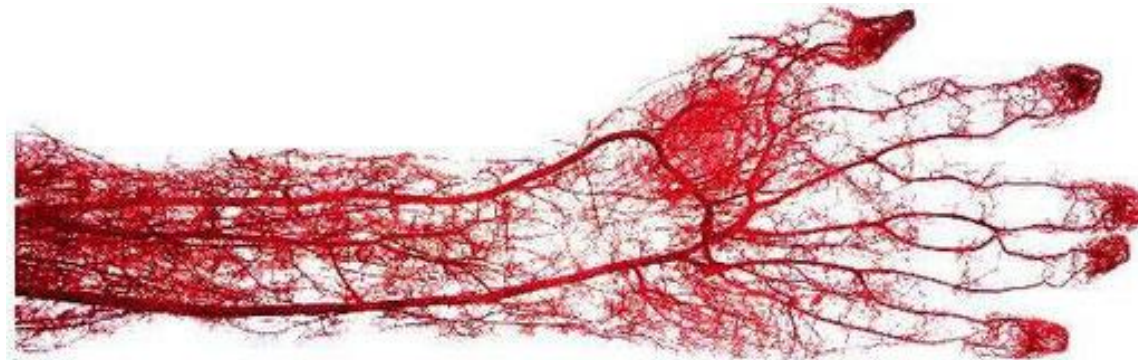
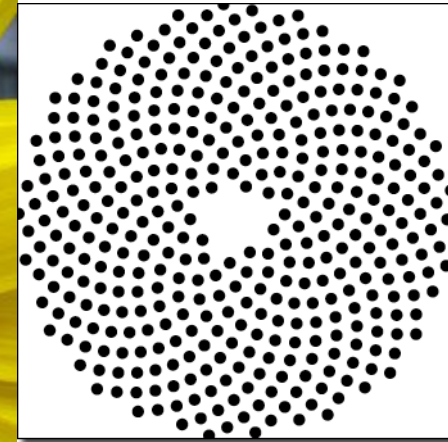
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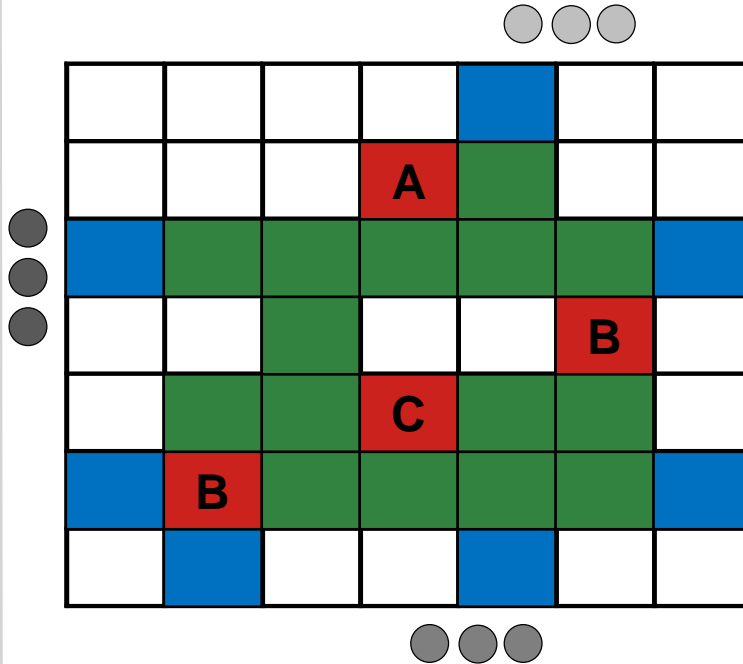
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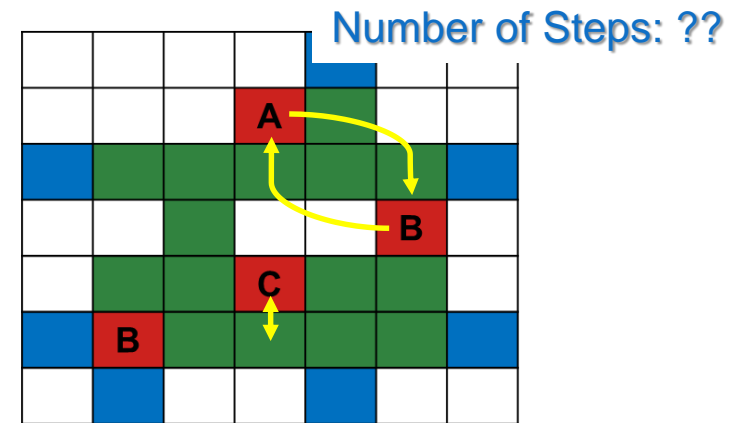
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What do the examples have in common?



- ABC
- CA
- CBA

- spatial structure of adjacent membranes
- passed by particles
- particles move through designated areas
- particles are processed in certain locations (passage or assembly)



- particles follow a path
- paths consist of a sequence of destinations

- modifications through random mutation
- optimal topology leads to optimal fitness

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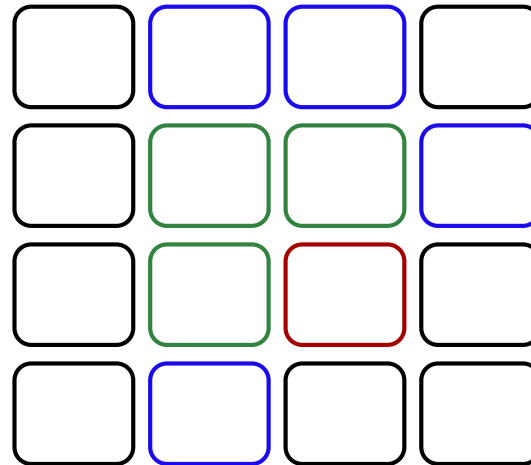
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„Walking Membranes“

A *grid exploring P system* Π_{ge} is a construct

$$\Pi_{ge} = (m, n, \Sigma_F, \Sigma_P, G_{mbrns}, G_{capac}, G_{durat}, F, P)$$

with its components

$m \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ number of grid columns

$n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ number of grid rows

Σ_F alphabet of processing unit types

Σ_P alphabet of particle categories

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$$G_{mbrns} : \{1, \dots, m\} \times \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \Sigma_F \cup \{\#\} \cup \{\perp\}$$

grid of membranes, denoted by a matrix and represented by a function whose arguments identify column and row. Assigned function values provide the type of membrane at the corresponding grid position. Available types are processing units ($\in \Sigma_F$), paved areas (#), and blocked areas (\perp).

$$G_{capac} : \{1, \dots, m\} \times \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

capacities of grid elements which define the maximum number of particles allowed to be present at the same grid membrane simultaneously. Blocked areas are assumed to have a capacity of 0. All other membranes should constitute individual capacities > 0 .

$$G_{durat} : \{1, \dots, m\} \times \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$$

durations necessary for particle passage or processing individually assigned to each membrane within the grid. Each duration is expressed by a number of time steps.

$$F : \Sigma_F \rightarrow \{*\} \cup \Sigma_P^3$$

mode (kind of processing) for each processing unit type

$$P : \{((i, j), p, f) \mid i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \wedge j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \wedge p \in \Sigma_P \wedge f \in \Sigma_F^*\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$$

finite multiset of particles. Each particle comes with individual attributes such as its position (i, j) at the grid, its category p , and a finite sequence (word) f of processing unit types to be consecutively passed through.

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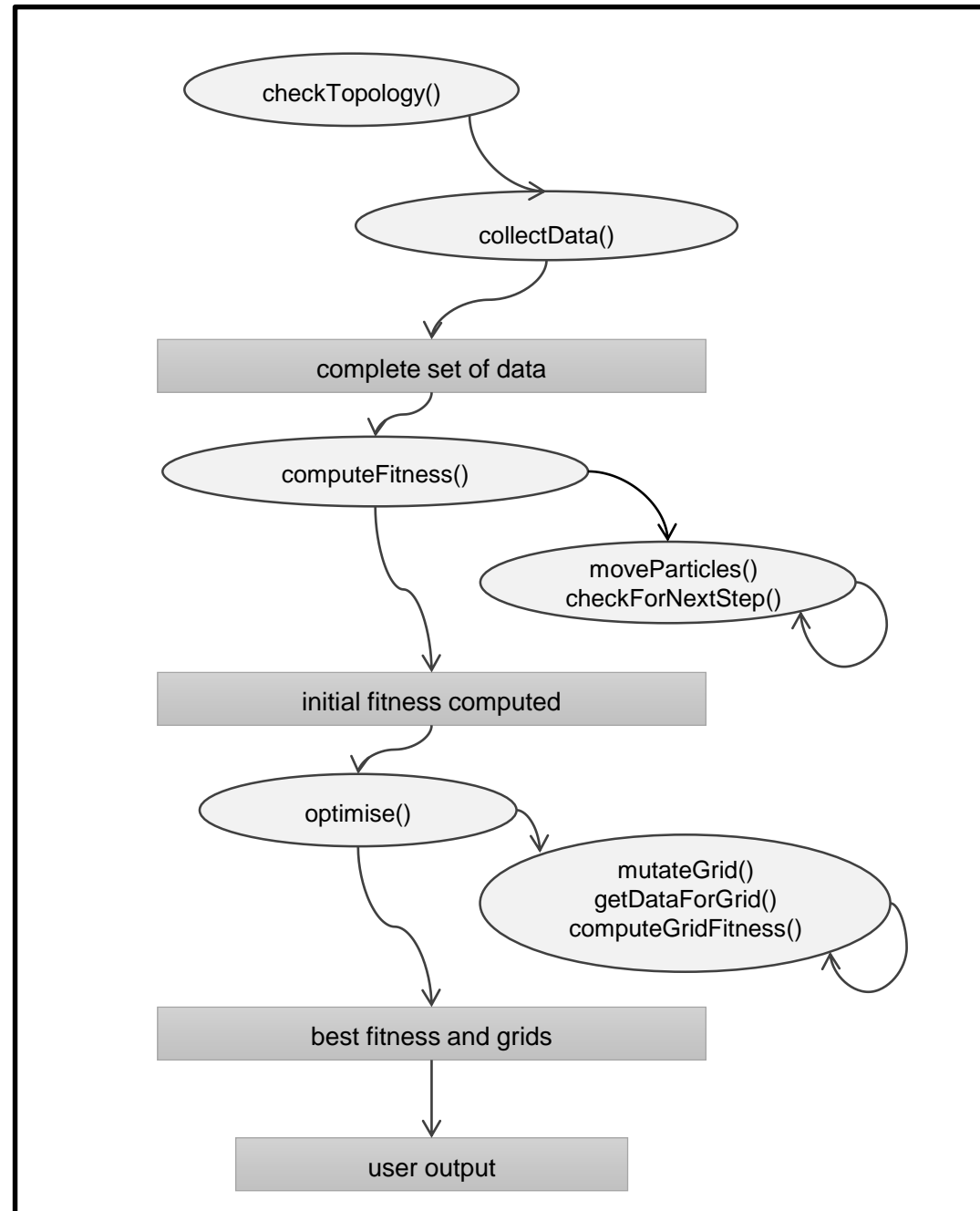
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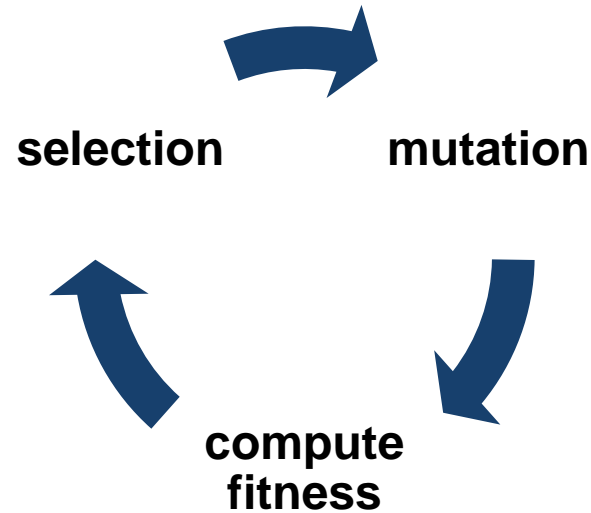
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2. Model – Artificial Evolution

slowest 20% deleted
replaced by mutations of
fastest 20%
(originals stay)



random
recombination or shift
(50% chance each)

number of time steps until all particles
have finished their paths

population: 50 grids

termination: 100 generations without improvement

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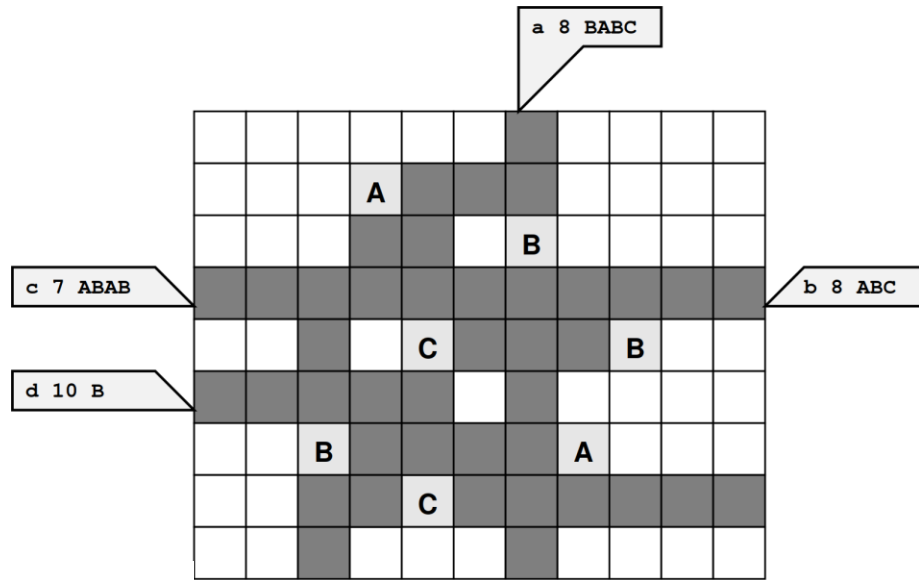
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types of membranes

- A** **processing unit type A**
kind of processing: * → * (passage)
processing duration: 3
- B** **processing unit type B**
kind of processing: * → * (passage)
processing duration: 1
- C** **processing unit type C**
kind of processing: a + b → d (assembly)
processing duration: 1
- **paved area for transportation**
particle capacity: 50
duration of passage: 1
- **blocked area forbidden to enter**

→ online [Grid Tool](http://www-user.tu-cottbus.de/~weberlea/gridtool)

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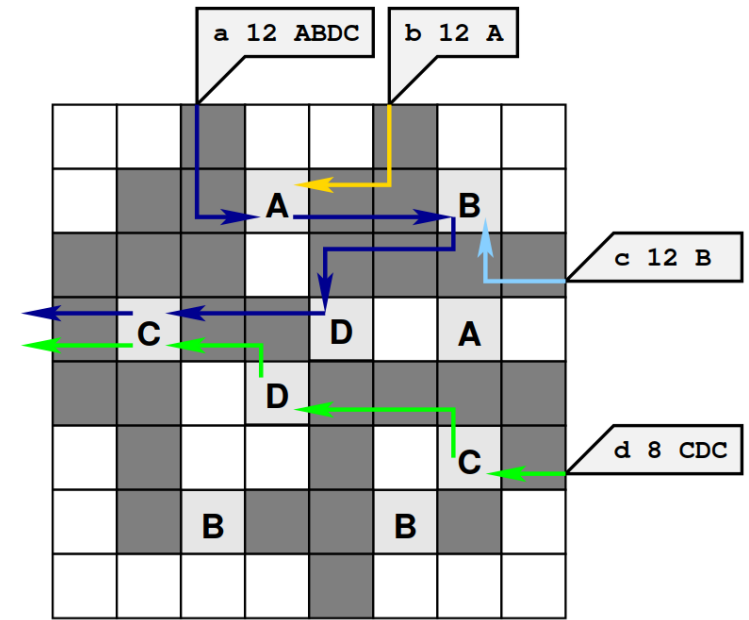
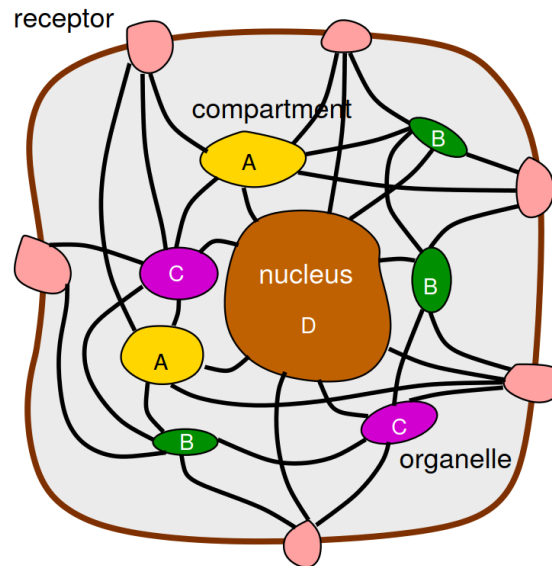
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Number of Steps: 88

A $a + b \rightarrow a$
processing duration: 1

B $a + c \rightarrow a$
processing duration: 1

C $* \rightarrow *$
processing duration: 1

D nucleus
 $* \rightarrow *$
processing duration: 1

microtubuli
particle capacity: 70
duration of passage: 1

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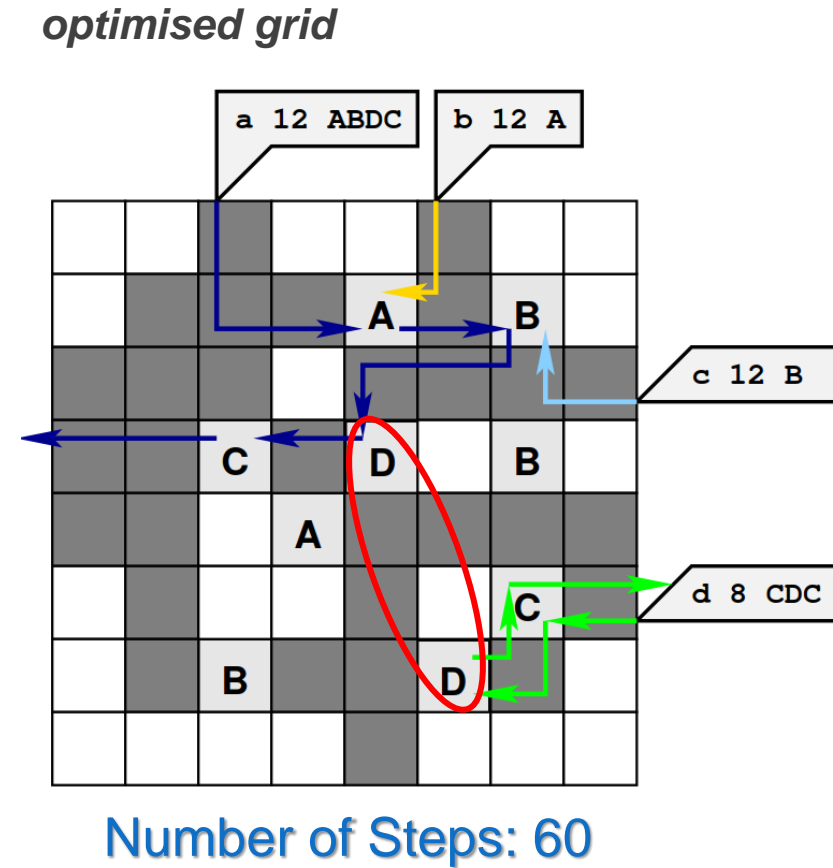
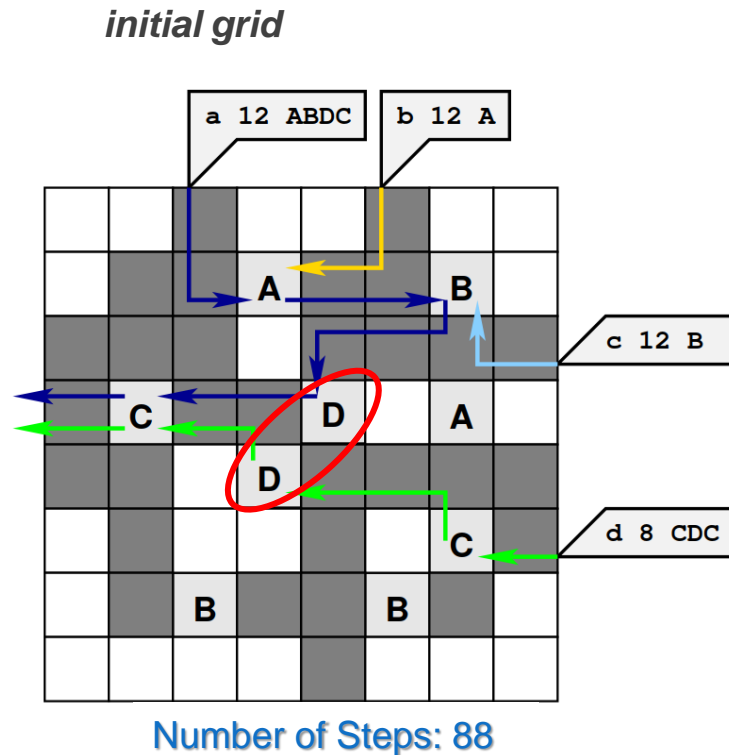
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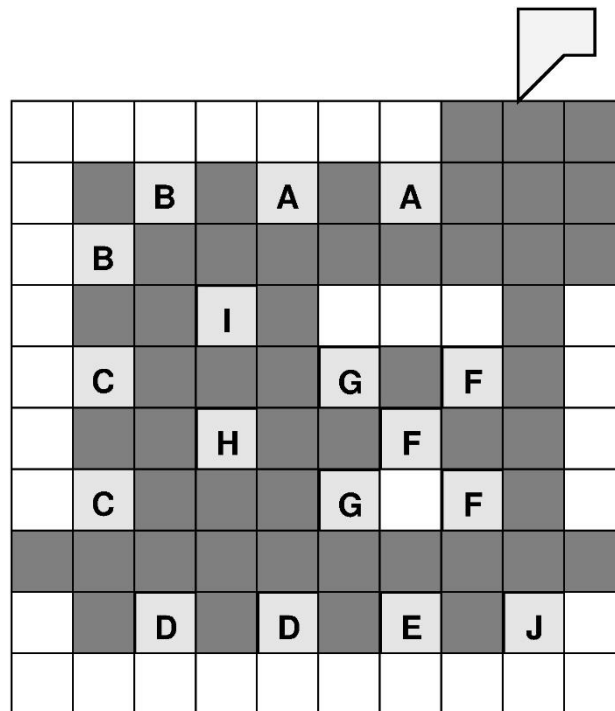
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No. Steps: 135

processing units (shelves)

- A: fruit, vegetables
- B: bread, bakery products
- C: dairy products
- D: meat, sausages
- E: newspapers, magazines
- F: beverages
- G: confectionery
- H: frozen foods
- I: ingredients, tins
- J: non-food bargains

(for all:

* → *

proc. duration: 1)

particles (customers)

a	23	C
b	18	F
c	17	A
d	13	ACF
e	12	B
f	10	ABG
g	8	ABCF
h	8	BG
i	7	EF
j	6	ABCDEFGHJIJ
k	5	GHIJ
l	3	DIF
m	1	EJFG

paved area:

duration of passage: 1, capacity: 150

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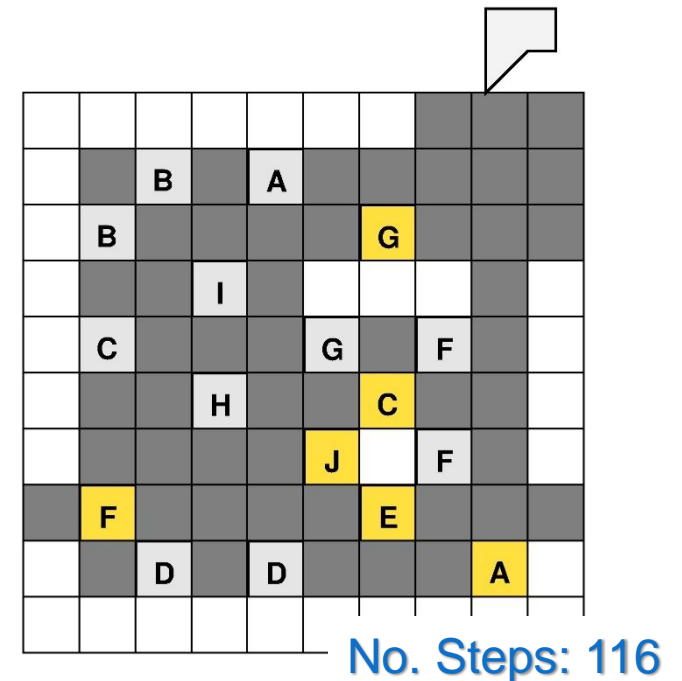
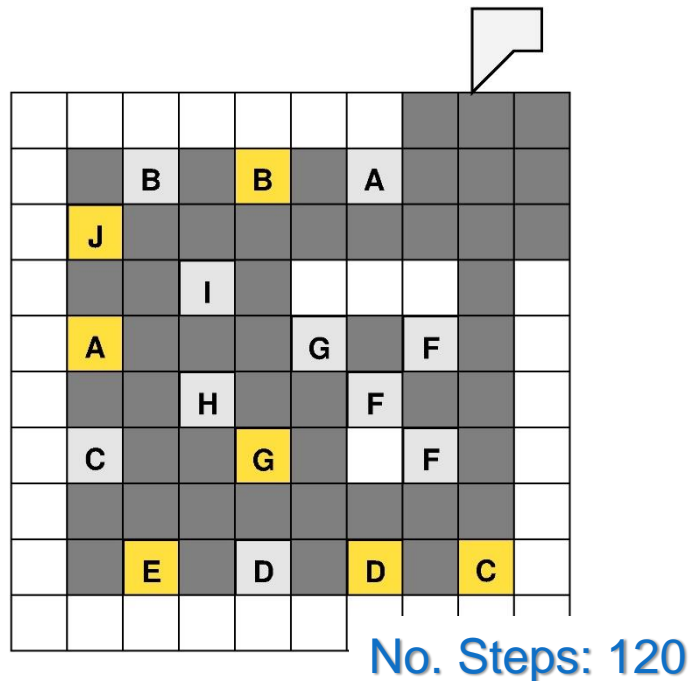
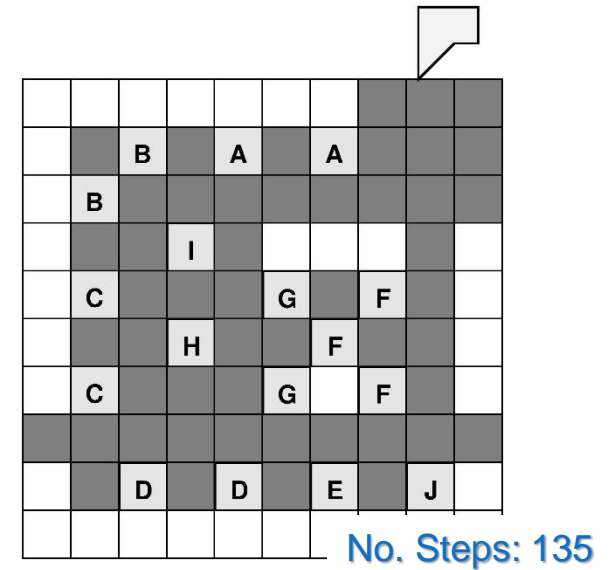
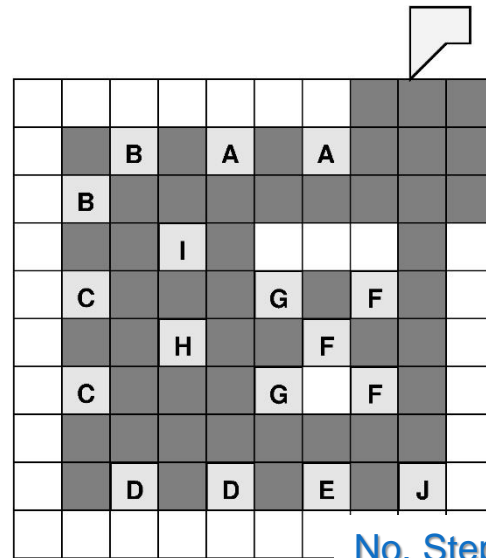
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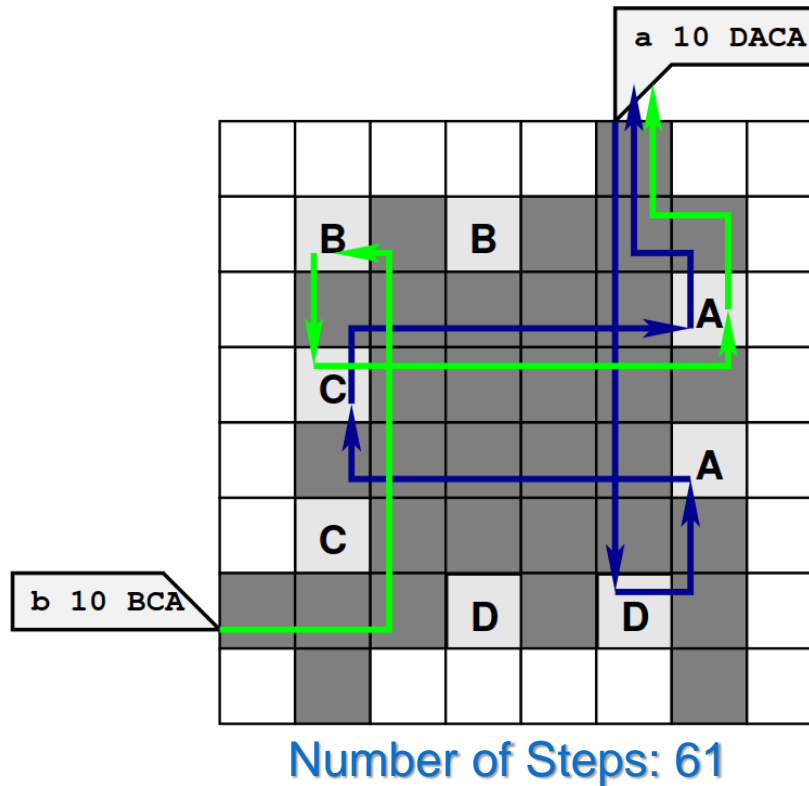
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- A** drilling, screwing
* → *
processing duration: 1
- B** cutting, planing, grinding
* → *
processing duration: 3
- C** machine-based veneering
* → *
processing duration: 1
- D** chipped wood compression and press sizing
* → *
processing duration: 1
- particle capacity: 40
duration of passage: 1

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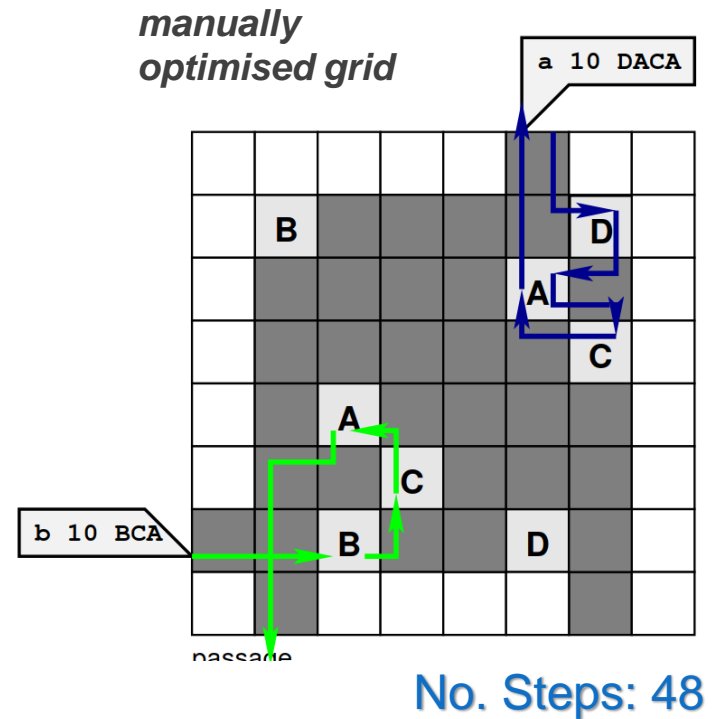
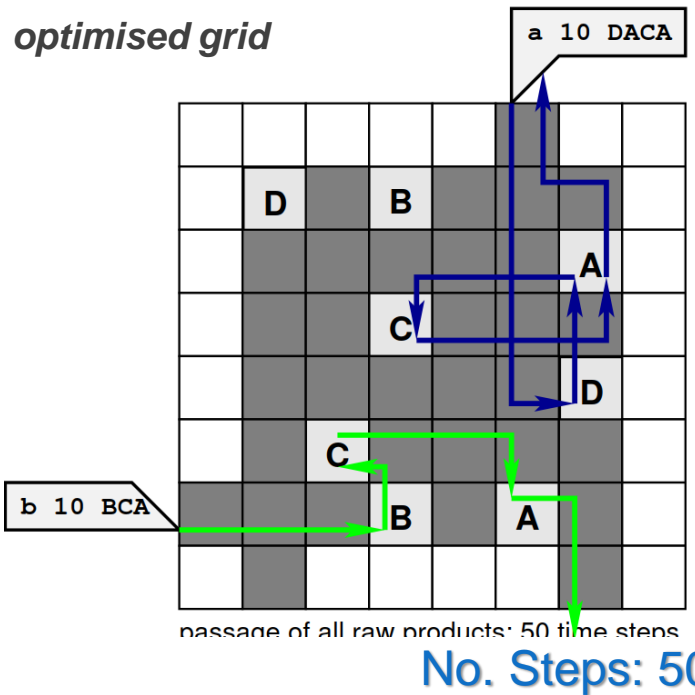
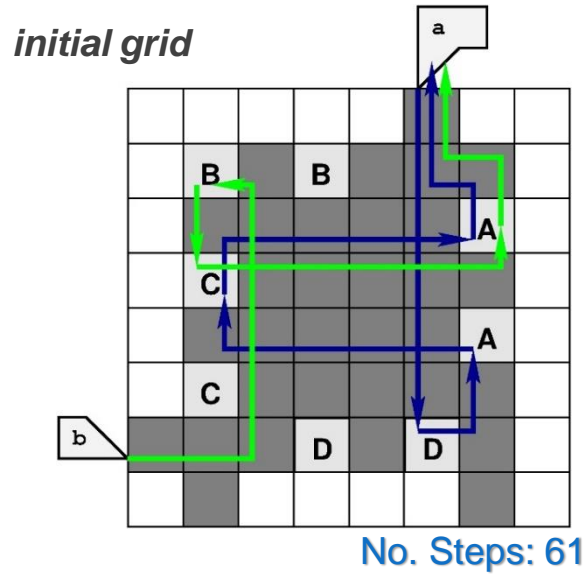
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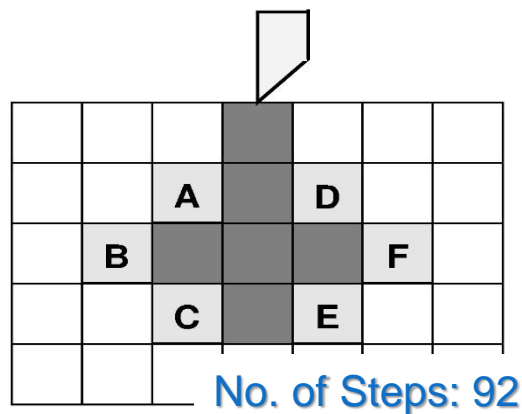
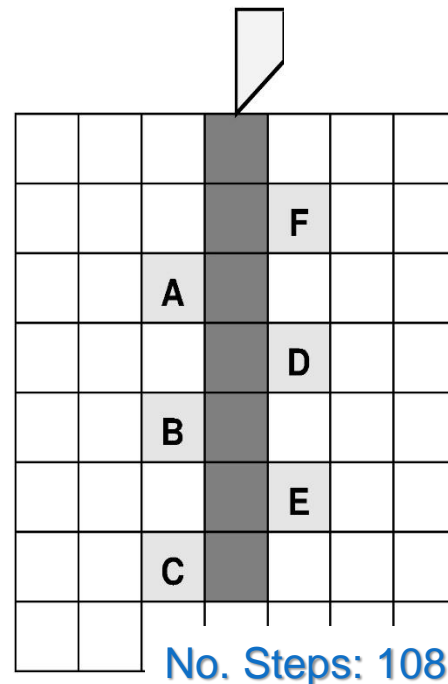
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processing units (components)

- A: register A/accumulator
- B: register B
- C: counter
- D: decoder
- E: ALU
- F: memory/flash

(for all:

$* \rightarrow *$

processing duration: 1)

duration of passage: 1,
capacity: 90

particles (machine code):

- a: 2, instructions: DEC
- b: 5, instructions: DFAFEC
- c: 4, instructions: DFBFEC
- d: 3, instructions: DAC
- e: 6, instructions: DC

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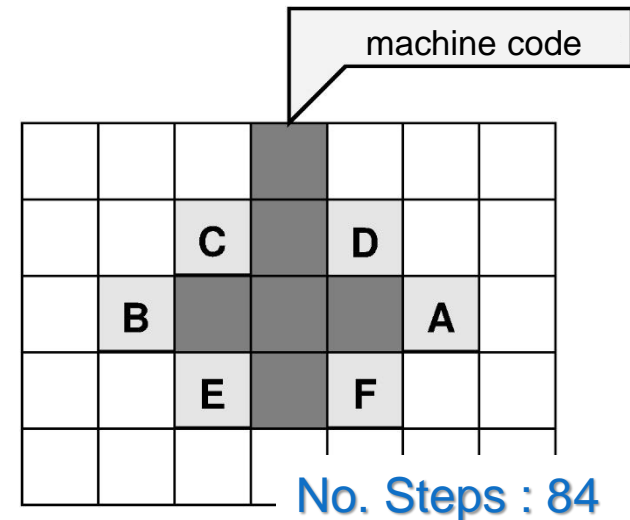
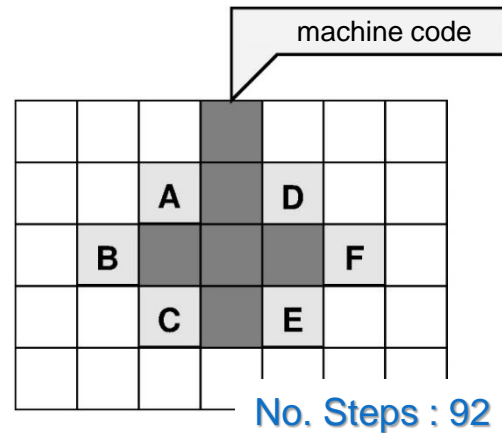
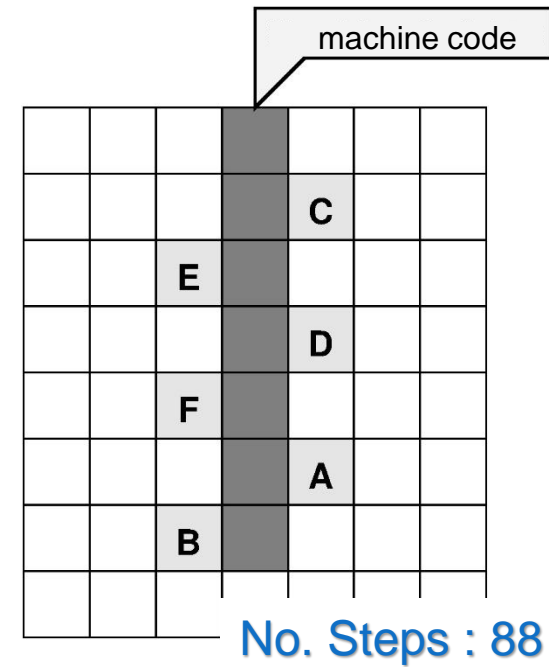
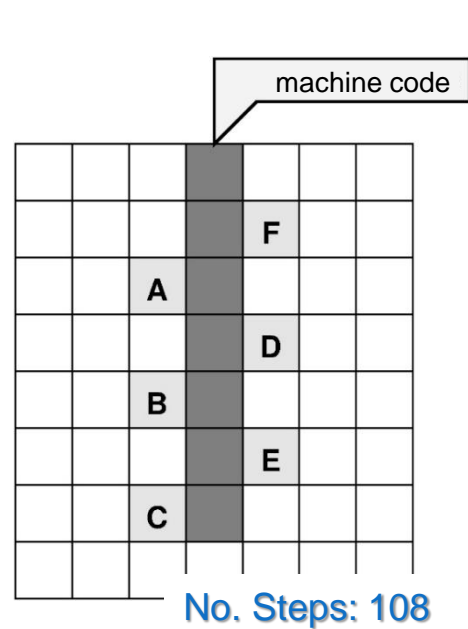
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5. Summary & Conclusion

- model inspired by nature's ability for self-organisation
- specifications build on similarities of real life examples
- successfully applied to case studies

Outlook

- new types of processing
- stationary processing units
- more dynamic software (eg. handling queues)

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