## Asymptotic Density of Properties in Cellular

## Automata

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## Definition (Nilpotency)

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"The CA always converges to this single configuration."

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## Remarks :

- Central notion in CA litterature,
- Stronger than Turing universality in CA,
- Elements of Univ are maximal elements in the preorder induced by $\preccurlyeq \sqsubseteq$.


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- Introduced by G. Theyssier (2004),
- under some conditions most captive CA are universal (2005).



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- Multiset CA


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$$
\mathcal{A} \in \mathcal{M S} \quad \stackrel{\text { def }}{\Leftrightarrow} \quad \begin{aligned}
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- Captures the idea of isotropy.
- Other interesting properties (rescalings...).


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- Our contribution :
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$\mathcal{C}_{n, k}$ elements of size $(n, k)$ of the family $\mathcal{C}$,
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